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RE: PHILLIP A. PURCELL, BPR #14453
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NASHVILLE LAWYER REINSTATED

Phillip A. Purcell, a Nashville lawyer, has been reinstated to the practice of law by order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered on August 23, 2002. Purcell was suspended for a fixed period of one year on May 17, 2000, and for an indeterminate period until restitution was made and costs were paid.

A hearing panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility found that Purcell had fully complied with the conditions regarding restitution and costs and that he should be reinstated. The Supreme Court accepted and approved the recommendation of the hearing panel.

Purcell was suspended in 2000 for misappropriating funds from the law firm he worked for. The hearing panel found that Mr. Purcell demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for readmission to the practice of law. The hearing panel found that reinstatement of Purcell would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or administration of justice nor subversive to the public interest.

During the period of disciplinary suspension, Purcell was also placed on administrative suspension for failure to report continuing legal education credits. Reinstatement on the disciplinary matter does not affect the administrative suspension.

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