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## LEXINGTON LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

On August 25, 2003, the Supreme Court of Tennessee issued an order summarily and temporarily suspending Tom A. Nacarato's license to practice law, upon finding that Mr. Nacarato had failed to answer a complaint of misconduct. Section 4.3 of Supreme Court Rule 9 provides for the immediate summary suspension of a lawyer's license to practice law in cases of failing to respond to the Board of Professional Responsibility. Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition with the Supreme Court alleging that Mr. Nacarato had failed to respond to the Board regarding a complaint.

The August 25, 2003 order precludes Mr. Nacarato from accepting any new cases effective August 25, 2003. Mr. Nacarato must cease representing existing clients effective September 24, 2003. After September 24, 2003, Mr. Nacarato shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

The order requires Mr. Nacarato to notify by registered or certified mail all clients represented in pending matters, all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending his law license. Section 18 of Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Nacarato to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension remains in effect until dissolution or modification by the Supreme Court. Mr. Nacarato may for good cause request dissolution or modification of this suspension by petition to the Supreme Court.

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