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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JOEL B. WHITENTON, BPR #18280**  
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**FORMER SPRINGFIELD ATTORNEY DISBARRED**

On October 22, 2003, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order disbaring Joel B. Whitenton.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a petition for discipline against Whitenton. Whitenton failed to answer this petition and on August 12, 2003, a hearing panel issued a default judgment recommending that Whitenton be disbarred. Whitenton failed to appeal this hearing panel's judgment and on October 22, 2003, the Supreme Court disbarred Whitenton.

Whitenton's disciplinary case was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 8 and 9. In Tennessee, disbarred lawyers may apply for reinstatement of their law license after five years. To be reinstated Whitenton must show by clear and convincing evidence that his reinstatement will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice or subversive to the public's interest.

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