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TENNESSEE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On September 21, 2001, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending Susan Joan DeWinter from the practice of law for a period of two years beginning April 18, 2001.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Imposition of Reciprocal Discipline based upon the fact that Susan J. DeWinter consented to the imposition of a two years suspension pursuant to a plea of "no contest" to a formal complaint filed by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board alleging that she failed to safekeep her client's funds.

The Tennessee Supreme Court ordered that Susan J. Dewinter be suspended from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee for a period of two years beginning April 18, 2001 until an Order of Reinstatement is entered by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Tennessee Supreme Court further ordered of Ms. DeWinter be subject to the same terms and conditions imposed by the Order of Suspension entered by the State of Michigan, Attorney Discipline Board which included the fact that she is forbidden from practicing law in any form; appearing as an attorney before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority; or holding herself out as an attorney by any means; and that she notify all of her active clients in writing by registered or certified mail return receipt requested of her suspension and inability to act as an attorney, the location and identity of the custodian of her clients' files and records which will made available to them or substitute counsel.

Finally the Court ordered that Ms. DeWinter shall comply with Rule 9 §18.1, Rules of the Supreme Court with regard to notice to clients, duty to maintain records, duty to return client property, duty to return fees or costs paid in advance that have not been earned or expended, duty to withdraw in any court in which she has matters pending, and duty to file an affidavit with the Board regarding compliance.

Ms. DeWinter may, after two (2) years, apply for reinstatement, but she must carry the burden of proof of clear and convincing evidence that her reinstatement will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, or the administration of justice, or be subversive to the public interest.

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