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**RE: SHAWN M. ASHCRAFT, BPR #19952**  
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**MURFREESBORO LAWYER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

Shawn M. Ashcraft, formerly a Murfreesboro attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Tennessee pursuant to their Order of Temporary Suspension filed May 8, 2002. The Supreme Court suspended Ms. Ashcraft based upon a petition filed by the Board of Professional Responsibility alleging that the respondent had misappropriated clients' funds and, therefore, posed a substantial threat of irreparable harm to the public. The Supreme Court of Tennessee issued the temporary suspension pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. The rule precludes Ms. Ashcraft from accepting any new cases after May 8, 2002, and she is also precluded from representing existing clients after June 8, 2002, unless the order has been modified or dissolved by that time. After June 8, 2002, Ms. Ashcraft shall furthermore not use any indicia of lawyer legal assistant or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Ms. Ashcraft to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending her. Section 18 also requires Ms. Ashcraft to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect until it is dissolved or amended by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

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