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**FORMER KINGSTON ATTORNEY DISBARRED**

On December 13, 2007, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order disbaring attorney Thomas Alva Austin. On October 6, 2006, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order for the immediate suspension of Austin pursuant to Austin's Guilty Plea to extortion. On October 29, 2007, Austin consented to disbarment. Austin's disciplinary case was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 8 and 9. In Tennessee, disbarred lawyers may apply for reinstatement of their law licenses after five (5) years. To be reinstated, Austin 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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