

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE**

**IN RE: RICHARD A. COUNTS, PETITIONER
(SULLIVAN COUNTY, BPR #14027)**

B.O.P.R. DKT. NO. R-142-1-TH

M2003-00369-SC-13PR-RP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court on a Petition for Reinstatement filed by Richard A. Counts on April 1, 2003. The Petitioner's law license had been transferred to Disability Inactive Status by Order of the Court entered March 15, 1993. On October 21, 2003, a Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility conducted a hearing on the Petition for Reinstatement and rendered the Judgment of the Hearing Committee filed with the Board of Professional Responsibility on November 24, 2003. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's instructions, the matter was re-submitted to the Hearing Panel which filed an amended order.

The Hearing Committee in its amended order concluded that the Petitioner had demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that the Petitioner should be reinstated unconditionally to the practice of law.

The Hearing Committee's Judgment is approved and adopted by this Court.

It is, therefore, hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED**, that the Petitioner is reinstated to the practice of law.

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Payment of all court costs related to the suspension and reinstatement are a condition precedent to entry of the Order of Reinstatement.


ENTERED this 12th day of May, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

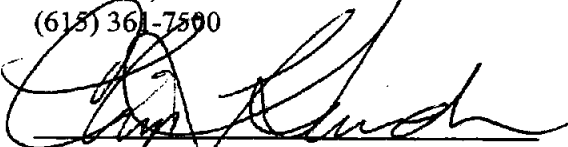


ADOLPHO A. BIRCH, JR.
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