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RE: STUART W. FIELDS, BPR #17354
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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED FROM PRACTICE OF LAW

Stuart W. Fields, a Nashville attorney, has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law in this state by an Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, entered on July 1, 2003. The Court suspended Fields based upon the sworn statement of a client that he forged her signature to a settlement check and misappropriated the client's funds to his own use.

This suspension was issued pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. Fields is precluded from accepting any new clients after July 1, 2003, and is precluded from representing any clients after July 31, 2003. After July 31, 2003, Fields shall cease to use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk and he shall not be present in or staff an office where the practice of law is conducted.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18, and the Court's order require Fields to notify by registered or certified mail all clients represented in pending matters, all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's Order of Suspension. Section 18 also requires Fields to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

This suspension shall remain in effect indefinitely until it is dissolved or amended by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Fields has a right to apply for a hearing to dissolve or amend the suspension.

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