

## **Petition for Reinstatement from Inactive Status (more than five years) (Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.8(c) Instructions**

The following sample petition for reinstatement is for use by an attorney who wishes to be reinstated from any inactive or exempt status that has been in place for more than five years. This petition must be filed with the Tennessee Supreme Court Clerk's Office with a copy provided to the Board of Professional Responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.8 (c). The following form is a sample; if you find that the sample petition does not completely meet your needs, please feel free to use it as a guide.

File the original, signed copy of the petition for reinstatement with the Clerk of the Court by mail (or in person) at the following address:

James M. Hivner, Esq.  
Supreme Court Clerk  
ATTN: Lisa Marsh, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Supreme Court Building  
401 7th Avenue North Suite 100  
Nashville, TN 37219-1407

You must include a filing fee of \$100.00 when you forward the original petition to the Clerk of the Court. You must serve a copy of the petition on the Board at our offices by mail, email or fax. Our mailing address is 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220, Brentwood, TN 37027; emails should be sent to [registration@tbpr.org](mailto:registration@tbpr.org), and our fax number is 615-367-2480.

Here is what you may expect:

- Petitions are processed in the order in which they are filed with the Court.
- We will process your petition as expeditiously as possible.
  - We are required to respond to your petition for reinstatement.
  - We will not contact the Supreme Court Clerk to inquire about when the order of reinstatement will be entered.
  - When the order is entered, we will forward a copy to you by email.
- Board staff will make inquiry concerning the attorney's compliance with requirements for payment of fees to the Board, payment of professional privilege tax, and completion of mandatory CLE requirements. We are required to report our findings to the Court as a part of our response.
- If you are delinquent in payment of any fees owed to the Board, taxes owed to the Tennessee Department of Revenue, or CLE compliance or fees owed to the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education, you will be required to clear the deficiency before the Court will grant your petition for reinstatement.
- When your petition is granted by the Court, we will issue an interim invoice for the full active-attorney registration fee. The interim invoice is due immediately and must be paid before you will receive a BPR Card to return to practice. We will prorate the invoice based on when your next regular registration is required (i.e., the first day of your next birth month).
- Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email the registration department (email us at [registration@tbpr.org](mailto:registration@tbpr.org))

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE:** \_\_\_\_\_, **BPR #** \_\_\_\_\_  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
(Insert County/City, State above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Docket No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BOPR Docket No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, § 10.8(c)**

Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.8(c),  
\_\_\_\_\_, respectfully petitions this Court for  
reinstatement to the practice of law. In support of this petition,  
Petitioner states the following:

1. Petitioner requested and received an exemption pursuant to  
Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.3, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Petitioner's law license has been inactive for more than five (5) years.

2. Petitioner has made payment of any assessment in effect for  
the year of this request, including any arrears accumulated prior to  
transfer to inactive status. Petitioner is aware that an interim invoice  
for active registration fees will be created upon entry of an order granting  
this petition for reinstatement and agrees to timely pay the required  
registration fee.

3. Petitioner is not subject to an outstanding order of suspension  
or disbarment.

4. Petitioner acknowledges that this Court may require proof of  
competency and learning in law for any attorney who has remained  
inactive for more than five (5) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §  
30.3(i). Petitioner has taken the following steps to remain competent and

learned in the law (attach affidavit or supporting documentation reflecting continuing legal education courses attended).

5. A copy of this petition for reinstatement has been served on the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Board of Professional Responsibility, 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027.

WHEREFORE, having assumed inactive status for more than five (5) years and not engaging in the practice of law in the state of Tennessee pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.3(e), Petitioner seeks reinstatement to the practice of law in Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_ BPR # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email address)

VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, make oath and state that the information provided in this Petition for Reinstatement is true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_ BPR # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a copy of this *Petition for Reinstatement Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 10.8(c)* has been served upon the Board of Professional Responsibility, at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, 10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027, by United States Mail and by email addressed to *registration@tbpr.org*.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_ BPR # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE:** \_\_\_\_\_, **BPR #** \_\_\_\_\_  
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Insert City and State above

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**EXHIBIT A TO PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT  
AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
TENN. SUP. CT. R. 9, § 30.3(i)**

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Comes now the undersigned attorney, petitioner in the foregoing Petition for Reinstatement and states under penalty of perjury as follows:

Petitioner's law license was placed on inactive status on \_\_\_\_\_. Because the inactive status change was entered more than five years ago, I hereby submit that I have taken the following steps to remain competent and learned in the law (list any steps showing competence and attach supporting documentation reflecting continuing legal education courses attended).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, make oath and state that the information provided in this Affidavit is true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney's signature above, printed name and BPR # below

\_\_\_\_\_, BPR # \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit A