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## NASHVILLE ATTORNEY DISBARRED

On January 15, 2002, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order temporarily suspending Attorney Christopher Robin Fox from the practice of law for misappropriation of funds.

Beginning July 23, 2002, the Board of Professional Responsibility filed formal disciplinary charges against Fox encompassing fourteen complaints. Fox failed to answer the Board's formal charges. Accordingly a hearing panel entered default judgments against Fox deeming admitted the following charges:

Fox's misappropriation of funds from clients;

Fox's misappropriation of funds from multiple estates while the Public Administrator for Wilson County, Tennessee;

Fox's commingling of trust funds with personal funds;

Fox's continued practice of law after being temporarily suspended;

Fox's neglect of clients' cases;

Fox's failure to turn over client files, and

Fox's failure to notify clients, courts, and opposing counsel of his temporary suspension.

On October 29, 2003, a hearing panel issued their default judgment recommending Fox be disbarred. Fox did not appeal the hearing panel's judgment, and on February 6, 2004, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order disbarring Fox. The Supreme Court adopted the hearing panel's recommendation that Fox should not be eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law until Fox makes complete restitution to estates, clients, complainants, and Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

Fox's disciplinary case was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. In Tennessee, disbarred attorneys may after five years apply for reinstatement of their law licenses. To be reinstated, Fox must show by clear and convincing evidence that his reinstatement would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice or subversive to the public interest.

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