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## MASON LAWYER REINSTATED

On September 11, 2007, the law license of James Richard McFall, Jr., a Mason, Tennessee, lawyer, was reinstated by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court from a 5 year suspension, and from disability inactive status. Among other conditions, McFall is required to practice for a minimum of one year from his reinstatement within a group practice setting, defined as the practice of law within a governmental or corporate law office, a law firm, a PC or PLLC, or in an office practice with two or more attorneys. McFall is also required to strictly comply with a monitoring agreement with his practice assistance monitor for a minimum three years after his reinstatement.

McFall had been placed on disability inactive status by Order of the Supreme Court filed on November 21, 2000, and was later suspended from the practice for 5 years by Supreme Court Order filed on April 21, 2006, retroactive to November 21, 2000. In May, 2006, McFall filed a petition to be reinstated and on October 6, 2006, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility conducted a hearing on the petition. By Judgment of the Hearing Panel filed on December 8, 2006, the Hearing Panel found that McFall had demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that his disability had been removed, that he had the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for admission, and that his resumption of the practice would not be detrimental to the integrity or standing of the bar.

The Board and Supreme Court found that McFall had made full restitution of unearned fees and costs to all former clients or to the Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, in cases he handled through early 2000 when disciplinary complaints were filed. McFall has paid the Board's costs and expenses in this proceeding and he is ordered to pay the costs of the Appellate Court Clerk.

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