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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: JAMES L. MILLIGAN, JR., BPR# 001559**  
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**KNOXVILLE LAWYER DENIED REINSTATEMENT**

On December 8, 2009, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered a Judgment against James L. Milligan, Jr., denying reinstatement of his law license. The Court found that Mr. Milligan had failed to show by clear and convincing evidence that he meets the moral qualifications to practice law and that his resumption of the practice of law would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest.

On June 28, 2005, the Supreme Court suspended Mr. Milligan for two (2) years for misappropriation of funds. In June, 2007, Mr. Milligan filed a Petition for Reinstatement under Section 19 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, which places the burden of proof on the suspended attorney to establish three criteria for reinstatement by clear and convincing evidence. In its written Opinion accompanying the Judgment, The Supreme Court concluded Mr. Milligan failed to prove two of the three criteria.

Pursuant to Section 19.8 of Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court, Mr. Milligan cannot seek reinstatement again for three (3) years following the date of the Judgment of December 8, 2009.

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