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SULLIVAN COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED

On December 16, 2015, the Supreme Court of Tennessee reinstated Kristen E. Morrell to the practice of law. Ms. Morrell was suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year by the Tennessee Supreme Court and ordered to pay restitution to four (4) former clients by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on April 15, 2011. A Hearing Panel determined that Ms. Morrell failed to appear in court on behalf of clients, and abandoned her practice shortly after accepting fees from new clients. On April 7, 2015, Ms. Morrell filed a Petition for Reinstatement to the practice of law and a hearing was held before a Hearing Panel on June 25, 2015.

The Hearing Panel found that Ms. Morrell complied with the terms and conditions of her suspension, and further found that she had demonstrated the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for the practice of law, and that her resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity or standing of the bar or administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest. Based upon the Hearing Panel's recommendation, the Supreme Court reinstated Ms. Morrell's license to practice law.

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