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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: ALBERT F. OFFICER, III, BPR NO. 11629**  
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**COOKEVILLE LAWYER REINSTATED**  
**TO PRACTICE OF LAW BY SUPREME COURT**

By Order of the Supreme Court entered February 18, 2005, Albert F. Officer, III, was reinstated to the practice of law on the conditions that he enter into and comply with a contract with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program effective for a period of five years from the date of reinstatement, enter into and strictly comply with a law practice monitoring/mentoring agreement approved by the Board of Professional Responsibility with a practicing attorney satisfactory to the Board for a period of five years from the date of reinstatement, and enroll in and complete a course of study in law practice management which is approved for Continuing Legal Education credit by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education with a minimum of three hours credit. Mr. Officer had been suspended by the Supreme Court on June 5, 2001, for three and one-half years retroactive to April 7, 1999, the date on which he had previously been temporarily suspended by the Supreme Court. Mr. Officer filed a Petition for Reinstatement on May 7, 2004. On October 27, 2004, a Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility conducted a hearing on the Petition for Reinstatement. The Hearing Panel found that Mr. Officer had carried his burden of proving the requirements for reinstatement and recommended that Mr. Officer's license to practice law be reinstated on the stated conditions. Mr. Officer has entered into a contract with Martelia T. Crawford, Esquire, to serve as Practice Monitor for Mr. Officer, has entered into a contract with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program for five years, and has complied with the three hours of Continuing Legal Education. The Order requires Mr. Officer to pay the cost of the reinstatement proceeding.