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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: CHRISTOPHER P. RENARD, BOPR #15871**  
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**TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT ADJUDGES MEMPHIS  
LAWYER TO BE IN WILLFUL CONTEMPT OF COURT**

On May 2, 2005, the Tennessee Supreme Court entered a Consent Order adjudging Christopher P. Renard, a Memphis lawyer, to be in willful contempt of court and fining him the amount of \$100. Renard has been continuously suspended from the practice of law since May 21, 2004 - - the date of the Supreme Court's Order of Temporary Suspension entered against him for failing to respond to complaints of ethical misconduct.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Order of Contempt against Renard in January 2005, alleging that after June 20, 2004, he had continued to provide legal services to a former client and had held himself out to opposing counsel and the general public as a practicing lawyer while suspended. The Board also alleged that Renard had consistently refused to properly comply with the requirements and obligations of suspended or disbarred lawyers as set forth in Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 18.

At the Show Cause Hearing before the Court on April 5, 2005, Renard admitted that he had no factual dispute with the matters as included in the Petition for Contempt, and expressed remorse for his actions. Disciplinary Counsel requested, due to the intervention of the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, that the Court refrain from punishing Renard by imprisonment to allow him to obtain inpatient treatment for impairments which afflict him.

The Supreme Court concluded that Renard had willfully misbehaved as an officer of the Court, that he had willfully disobeyed the Court's lawful decrees and had engaged in the performance of forbidden acts, all as alleged by the Board. Accordingly, the Supreme Court adjudged Renard to be in contempt on two counts and ordered him to pay a fine in the amount of \$50 upon each count and all costs of the cause, for which execution shall issue if necessary.