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TENNESSEE ATTORNEY DISBARRED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW

On May 12, 2006, the Supreme Court of Tennessee disbarred Edward A. Slavin, Jr. from the practice of law. He engaged in misrepresentation and deceit to the Courts and to his clients; he failed to preserve client property; he charged excessive fees; violated Court orders; demonstrated incompetence and lack of diligence; and was found to have abused the legal process by habitually violating the Tennessee Supreme Court Rules of Professional Conduct and prior Code of Professional Responsibility with regard to harassment and intimidation of officers of the Court, opposing counsel and the filing of abusive, insulting, untrue and unprofessional statements regarding judges, litigants and opposing counsel.

The Court further found that the following aggravating factors applied to the conduct of Mr. Slavin: prior disciplinary offenses, pattern of misconduct, multiple offenses, refusal to acknowledge the wrongful nature of his conduct, vulnerability of his victims, substantial experience in the practice of law, and indifference to making restitution. Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Slavin to notify by registered or certified mail all

client being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of his disbarment. Section 18 also requires him to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Upon effective date of the Supreme Court Order, Slavin shall not maintain a presence or occupy an office where the practice of law is conducted. Slavin shall take such action as is necessary to cause the removal of any indicia of lawyer, counselor at law, legal assistant, law clerk or similar title.

In Tennessee, disbarred lawyers may, after five (5) years, apply for reinstatement, but they must carry the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence that their reinstatement will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, or the administration of justice, or be subversive to the public interest.

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