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SUSPENDED LAWYER FOUND IN CONTEMPT

On June 17, 2005, the Supreme Court of Tennessee found Edward A. Slavin, Jr. of St. Augustine, Florida in willful contempt of the Court. He was sentenced to ten (10) days in jail and fined \$50.00.

Slavin's law license was suspended on August 27, 2004 for a period of two (2) years. The suspension order specifically mandated that Slavin comply in all respects with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 and specifically with Section 18 regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

Disciplinary Counsel filed a Petition for Contempt charging Slavin with contemptuous conduct as follows:

1. That Slavin had failed to comply with the Supreme Court's Order of suspension;
2. That Slavin had entered his appearance representing clients after having been suspended by Order of this Court on August 27, 2004; and
3. That Slavin has failed to comply with Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 as ordered August 27, 2004, by failing to notify opposing counsel and clients of his suspension and by failing to file an affidavit to that affect.

The Court found that Slavin's failure or refusal to comply with the Order to file the affidavit required by Section 18.8 of Supreme Court Rule 9 was willful and constituted willful contempt of the Court beyond a reasonable doubt.