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KNOX COUNTY LAWYER REINSTATED BY SUPREME COURT

William Lee Wheatley has been reinstated to the practice of law by Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court entered November 15, 2011. Mr. Wheatley was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court on September 10, 2010, due to Mr. Wheatley's noncompliance with his Tennessee Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) Monitoring Agreement. On approximately September 12, 2011, Mr. Wheatley filed a Petition for Reinstatement. On November 1, 2011, a hearing was conducted before a three-member Hearing Panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility. On November 4, 2011, the Hearing Panel entered its Order recommending that the temporary suspension be dissolved subject to conditions. The Supreme Court dissolved Mr. Wheatley's temporary suspension Order of November 15, 2011 with the following conditions: 1) the extension of his three year TLAP monitoring agreement to five years; and, 2) Mr. Wheatley's strict compliance with his monitoring agreement.

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