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MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered July 5, 2005, Scott Eric Crawford, a Memphis attorney, was immediately suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Section 14 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, pending further orders of the Court. Crawford's suspension resulted from his plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee at Memphis on March 13, 2005 to several charges constituting serious crimes. Crawford pleaded guilty to seven counts of laundering drug money through his law practice, and to an array of bribery, possessing an illegal handgun, and obstruction of justice charges. The Court further ordered that a formal disciplinary proceeding be instituted in which the sole issue to be determined will be the extent of final discipline. Crawford will remain suspended pending resolution of that formal proceeding.

Crawford has been subject to a prior Supreme Court order temporarily suspending his law license filed on March 19, 2004, because his continued practice after being indicted on some of the federal charges posed a risk of irreparable harm to the general public, pursuant to Section 4.3 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9. According to the March 19, 2004 temporary suspension order, Crawford was not entitled to petition the Supreme Court for dissolution or modification of said order unless he was acquitted of the federal charges or unless they were dismissed by the US District Court.