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NASHVILLE LAWYER CONDITIONALLY REINSTATED

On June 19, 2001, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order conditionally reinstating the law license of Joel D. Whitenton.

On May 8, 2001, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order temporarily suspending the law license of Whitenton for posing a substantial threat of irreparable harm to the public. Whitenton subsequently filed with the Supreme Court a Petition to Dissolve the Order of Temporary Suspension. On June 13, 2001, a hearing panel conducted a hearing on Whitenton's petition and recommended that Whitenton be conditionally reinstated to allow him to perform his current duties with the Elections Office of the State of Tennessee while being prohibited from engaging in the practice of law for private clients, pending the final resolution of the underlying complaints against Whitenton. The Supreme Court of Tennessee on June 19, 2001 conditionally reinstated Whitenton to allow him to perform his current duties with the Elections Office of the State of Tennessee but prohibited Whitenton from engaging in the practice of law for private clients pending the outcome of the underlying complaints.

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