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LAW LICENSE OF MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

On July 11, 2003, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an Order suspending the law license of Gerald F. Easter for a period of sixty (60) days.

Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition for discipline pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, alleging that Easter physically assaulted a fellow lawyer, Thomas Randolph Buckner; was indicted for aggravated assault; pled nolo contendere to simple assault; and was sentenced to be incarcerated for thirty (30) days at 100% beginning July 14, 2003. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 16.1, Easter agreed to enter into a conditional guilty plea to the petition in exchange for a sixty (60) day suspension and the completion of a course in anger management prior to September 11, 2003. Easter also agreed to pay the costs of the matter.

The Court found sufficient grounds for the suspension and ordered Easter to be suspended for sixty (60) days effective July 14, 2003, and further ordered that Easter complete a course in anger management by September 11, 2003.

Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Easter to notify by registered or certified mail all clients being represented in pending matters; all co-counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending his license. Section 18 also requires Easter to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

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