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GREENEVILLE ATTORNEY REINSTATED

Lawrence A. Welch, Jr., attorney of Greeneville, Tennessee, has been reinstated to the practice of law by Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, filed September 17, 2001. On August 13, 2001, the Supreme Court entered an order temporarily suspending Welch based upon Welch's failure to respond to the Board regarding requests for information concerning a complaint of misconduct. A hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Professional Responsibility, which recommended that Welch should be reinstated to the practice of law since Welch did file a bare response to the underlying complaint of misconduct, even though the panel questioned the adequacy and timeliness of Welch's response. The Supreme Court accepted the recommendation of the Board's hearing panel and reinstated Welch on September 17, 2001.

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