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**MEMPHIS LAWYER DISBARRED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

Martin R. Berlanstein, a Memphis lawyer, has been disbarred from the practice of law in this state by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered August 21, 2001. Martin R. Berlanstein consented to disbarment because he could not successfully defend himself on the disciplinary charges filed against him arising from his criminal conviction.

Berlanstein pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee to devising a scheme to defraud United American Bank to obtain monies, funds, credit and assets owned by and under the custody and control of United American Bank, now known as First Commercial Bank by means of false pretenses, representations and promises; and knowingly making false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations to a United States Secret Service agent.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Berlanstein 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 disbaring him. The Rule also requires Mr. Berlanstein to deliver to all clients any papers or property to which they are entitled.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 further provides that an attorney disbarred may not apply for reinstatement until the expiration of at least five years from the effective date of the disbarment. The disbarment order shall remain in effect until an order of reinstatement is issued by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, upon showing by clear and convincing evidence that his reinstatement to the practice of law would in no way be detrimental to the public interest.