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**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**  
**RE: TERRANCE E. TATUM, BPR #19186**  
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**LAW LICENSE OF MEMPHIS ATTORNEY SUSPENDED**

On May 19, 2003, the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered an order suspending the law license of Terrance E. Tatum for a period of thirty (30) days beginning May 19, 2003.

Tatum represented his client without sufficient knowledge of securities law; communicated with investors; drafted documents for his client (who was the subject of investigation by the Dept. of Insurance and Commerce and was ultimately ordered to cease and desist the fraudulent sales of securities), which investors signed to obtain their funds and have not received any funds in return.

Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition for discipline pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Mr. Tatum submitted a conditional guilty plea pursuant to Section 16.1 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 in exchange for a stated form of discipline. The stated form of discipline shall be that Tatum shall be suspended from the practice of law for a period of thirty (30) days; and shall, at his cost, attend the Board of Professional Responsibility's Ethics Workshop for the year 2003. The Supreme Court further ordered that Tatum shall pay the cost of the matter.

This disciplinary matter was held pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 8 and 9. This suspension shall remain in effect until June 20, 2003.

From May 19, 2003 until June 20, 2003, Mr. Tatum shall not use any indicia of lawyer, legal assistant or law clerk, nor maintain a presence where the practice of law is conducted. Section 18 of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9 requires Mr. Tatum to notify all clients that are being represented in pending matters; all counsel and opposing counsel of the Supreme Court's order suspending him. Section 18 also requires Mr. Tatum to deliver to all clients all papers or property to which they are entitled.