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NASHVILLE ATTORNEY SUSPENDED

William C. Roberts, Jr., a Nashville attorney, has been suspended from the practice of law in this state for a fixed period of five years by order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered on May 23, 2003. The suspension was based on a conditional guilty plea filed by Roberts while the matter was pending before the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee. The five year suspension is retroactive to July 10, 2000, the date Roberts was temporarily suspended from the practice of law. He has been suspended continuously since July 10, 2000, and would be eligible to apply for reinstatement after July 10, 2005.

An attorney suspended for more than one year shall not be reinstated until a reinstatement proceeding and hearing and approval of the Supreme Court. The petition for discipline was based on five disciplinary complaints. Roberts admitted that he failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness and that he failed to reasonably communicate with his clients in the five complaints. He also admitted that he neglected the clients' matters and that he failed to adequately prepare the matters in all five complaints. Roberts had other pending disciplinary complaints and those matters were concluded by the order in this matter.

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