

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

PANEL A

IN RE: TERRANCE EUGENE TATUM

ARKANSAS BAR ID #96245

CPC Docket No. 2003-105

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION

The formal charges of misconduct upon which this Order is premised arose from the information provided by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The information was received in the Office of Professional Conduct on July 24, 2003, following request made by the staff of the Office of Professional Conduct. The information first came to the attention of the Office of Professional Conduct by notice from the National Data Bank for Lawyer Discipline.

The Committee on Professional Conduct (Committee) has been provided the Order filed with the Supreme Court of Tennessee which was entered of record on July 11, 2003. (Certified copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). As a result of that Order, Terrance Eugene Tatum, an attorney practicing primarily in West Memphis, Arkansas, was suspended from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee for a period of thirty (30) days.

The Order filed with the Supreme Court of Tennessee revealed that Mr. Tatum agreed to enter into a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a thirty (30) day suspension of his law license. Mr. Tatum plead guilty to violating DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)(5)(6) and DR 7-102(A)(3)(7)(8) by representing his client without sufficient knowledge of securities law; by communicating with investors; and by drafting documents for his client (who was the subject of investigation by the Department of Insurance and Commerce and was ultimately ordered to cease and desist the fraudulent sale of securities), which investors signed to obtain their funds and have not received any funds in return.

Pursuant to Section 14.A. of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the suspension of any person from the practice of law in any other state shall operate as a suspension of such person from the practice of law in this State under any license issued to such person by the Arkansas Supreme Court prior to his or her suspension in such other state. Upon presentation of a certified order or other proper document of a tribunal or corresponding disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction evidencing suspension, the

Committee by summary proceedings shall cause a like sanction to be imposed and shall notify the Clerk of such action. Notice of the Committee's action shall be sent to the attorney's mailing address of record with the Clerk.

Upon consideration of the certified Order from the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Nashville and the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating the Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law, the Committee on Professional Conduct, Panel A, finds:

1. That Mr. Tatum was suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the practice of law in the State of Tennessee effective May 23, 2003.
2. That Mr. Tatum was licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas on September 16, 1996, which is prior to the date of his suspension in the State of Tennessee.
3. That pursuant to the mandate of Section 14 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law (2002), the Committee is imposing a like suspension of thirty (30) days on Mr. Tatum's license to practice law in the State of Arkansas effective as of the date this Findings and Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, through Panel A, that TERRANCE E. TATUM, Arkansas Bar ID #96245 be, and hereby is, RECIPROCALLY SUSPENDED for a period of THIRTY (30) DAYS. The suspension shall be effective as of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Mr. Tatum shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Arkansas until a Petition for Reinstatement has been granted by a Panel of the Committee on Professional Conduct.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE
ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

By:

Gwendolyn D. Hodge, Chair, Panel A

Date:
