



# News Release

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## **Tennessee Attorney General Sues to Stop Alleged Unauthorized Practice of Law by Suspended Lawyer**

Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper has filed suit on behalf of the Division of Consumer Affairs against a Middle Tennessee man for allegedly providing legal services without a license after being suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

The suit, filed in Davidson County Circuit Court, alleges Michael Sneed provided legal services to consumers after his license was suspended. The complaint also alleges the defendant misled consumers about his ability to represent them in legal matters. To obtain a copy of the State's filings, go [www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/cases.htm](http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cases/cases.htm) and click on Office Information and then Cases of Interest.

If you paid Michael Sneed for services rendered after Feb. 24, 2009, please contact the Tennessee Attorney General's Office at (615) 741-1671 or toll free within Tennessee at 1-877-275-7396. The State is still trying to determine how many consumers Sneed may have represented after this date. A portion of his advertisements and practice prior to his license suspension was targeted at Spanish-speaking residents.

If you know of an individual or company that may be practicing law without a license, please file a complaint with the Attorney General by downloading a complaint form from <http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/cpro/pdf/uplform.pdf> and mailing it back to:

Tennessee Attorney General's Office  
Consumer Advocate and Protection Division  
Attn: UPL Complaint  
P.O. Box 20207  
Nashville, TN 37202-0207

To find out if an attorney is licensed to practice law in Tennessee, and to find out if the attorney is in good standing, call the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility at (615) 361-7500 or go to the website at <http://www.tbpr.org/>

Consumers with complaints about individuals or businesses engaged in unfair or deceptive trade practices should contact the Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-342-8385 (toll-free inside Tennessee) or (615) 741-4737.