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## **Former Attorney Agrees to Injunction to Stop Law Practice During Suspension**

Michael H. Sneed of Nashville, who on February 24, 2009 was suspended from the practice of law for 18 months, has agreed to be enjoined and to no longer practice law while his license is suspended.

Sneed signed the agreement, which was entered today by Davidson County Circuit Court Judge Joseph P. Binkley, Jr. Tennessee Attorney General Bob Cooper filed suit against him alleging that by continuing to act as an attorney and advertise his services after his suspension Sneed was violating the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act. The State's complaint also alleges that Sneed's actions violated Tennessee's Unauthorized Practice of Law statutes.

Sneed has agreed to immediately stop engaging in the practice of law or advertising his services as an attorney. Sneed has also agreed to remove any designations or signage indicating that he is an attorney. The Court will also appoint a local attorney in the near future to take custody of Sneed's client files and assist Sneed's clients in finding new counsel.

"We appreciate Mr. Sneed coming forward and agreeing to this injunction," General Cooper said. "People who need an attorney for legal advice are often very vulnerable and need to know that someone who says that he is a licensed attorney is in fact is in good standing with the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility."

The State is still trying to determine how many people may have been represented by Sneed after his suspension from the practice of law on February 24th. If you were represented by Michael H. Sneed as your attorney at any time 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. Because many of Sneed's clients are Hispanic and much of his advertisement was geared toward the Hispanic Community, the Attorney General's Office has a Spanish speaking staff member available to talk with Spanish speaking victims.

To find out if an attorney is licensed to practice law in Tennessee, and to find out if the attorney is still in good standing, call the Tennessee State 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 1-800-342-8325 (toll free inside Tennessee) or (615) 741-4737.

To see a copy of the State's filings in the Sneed case, go to [www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/](http://www.tn.gov/attorneygeneral/) and click on Office Information and then Cases of Interest.