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On June 18, 2004, the Board of Professional Responsibility approved Donald Arkovitz's Conditional Guilty Plea accepting a public censure. On November 15, 2004, the Supreme Court entered an Order of Enforcement approving the public censure.

The Board of Professional Responsibility filed a Petition for Discipline against Arkovitz pursuant to Rule 9, Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. The Board's Petition for Discipline charged Arkovitz with filing a Petition for Appointment of a Conservator which was found by a Chancellor to contain inaccurate statements. The Chancellor further found in his Memorandum dated August 26, 2003 that Arkovitz had failed to give proper notice and failed to include information in the Petition as required by statutory law.

Arkovitz, through counsel, filed an Answer to the Petition but later submitted a Conditional Guilty Plea in exchange for a public censure. Arkovitz's actions and inactions violate Rules 1.1; 1.3; 3.3; 3.4(b) and 8.4(a)(c)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. This censure declares Arkovitz's actions to be improper ethical conduct but does not limit his right to practice law.

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