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COVINGTON ATTORNEY CENSURED

On July 20, 2004, Richard D. Cartwright, of Covington, Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility. Cartwright was given notice of the censure and did not request a hearing.

On April 22, 2004, the Court of Criminal Appeals entered an order finding that Cartwright "flagrantly disregarded the three previous orders of the Court." The Court further found that although Cartwright's actions could have resulted in three separate contempts of court, the Court combined the contempts into one and found Cartwright in criminal contempt of court. The Court further ordered Cartwright sentenced to ten days in the Madison County Jail and fined \$50, provided that nine days of the jail time was suspended provided that attorney Cartwright conform to the rules of appellate practice and further rules of this court in the conclusion and the handling of the underlying case. The Court ordered Mr. Cartwright to serve one day in the Madison County Jail from the period of 9:00 A.M. in the morning until 4:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

The Board found Cartwright's neglect and failure to comply with the Court of Criminal Appeals orders violates Rules 1.3; 3.2; 3.4 and 8.4 of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. The censure declares Cartwright's actions to be improper, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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