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LAWYER CENSURED BY SUPREME COURT

By Order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee entered August 19, 2008, Charles Craig Morrow, an attorney, was publicly censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

In one matter, the Respondent personally guaranteed a bond required for Respondent's client to qualify to be appointed as executor of an estate. When the Respondent's client discharged the Respondent as counsel, the Respondent filed a motion to withdraw and a motion to remove Respondent's client as executor of the estate. The Respondent filed a motion against the interest of his client, in violation of RPC 1.7(b).

In another matter, the Respondent filed a petition on behalf of the ward's son to appoint the ward's son as conservator of the ward. The ward joined the petition stating, under oath, that she needed a conservator and wanted her son to be her conservator. Another of the ward's sons subsequently filed a petition to be appointed conservator, to which Respondent filed an Answer on behalf of the ward. An attorney ad litem was subsequently appointed for the ward. No written waiver of conflict was obtained to permit the Respondent to represent the ward and the ward's son, who had conflicting or potentially conflicting interest. The Respondent's actions were in violation of RPC 1.7.

For these violations, the Board of Professional Responsibility publicly censures Charles Craig Morrow. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not limit the attorney's ability to practice law.

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