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The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD FRANCIS DANOWITZ

This disciplinary matter is before the Court on Respondent Edward Francis Danowitz's Petition for Voluntary Discipline, filed pursuant to Bar Rule 227 (c) following the issuance of a Formal Complaint, in which Danowitz admits violating Standard 46 (in his representation of a client, a lawyer shall not conceal or knowingly fail to disclose that which he is required by law to reveal) of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), and seeks the imposition of a Review Panel reprimand. Although a violation of Standard 46 may be punished by a public reprimand, the State Bar and special master recommend accepting Danowitz's petition.

In his petition, Danowitz admits certain facts set forth in the Formal Complaint including that he filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case for a client, in which the grievant in this matter was appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee. The client subsequently converted her bankruptcy case from one under Chapter 7 to one under Chapter 13, at all times represented by Danowitz. Prior to the conversion to Chapter 13, the client deposited approximately \$5,000 into Danowitz's trust account from income earned while her case was in Chapter 7. When she converted to Chapter 13, the client filed schedules that failed to disclose the funds she had placed in Danowitz's trust account which, when deposited, were not property of the bankruptcy estate but which, after conversion to Chapter 13, became property of the bankruptcy estate and placed the client under a duty to disclose the deposit in her Chapter 13 schedules. Danowitz prepared and filed the client's Chapter 13 schedules and admits that the deposited funds were not properly reported to the bankruptcy court upon conversion, although the funds subsequently were reported to the court. Danowitz admits that his conduct violated Standard 46.

We have reviewed the record and agree with the State Bar and the special master that a Review Panel reprimand is the appropriate sanction in this case, particularly as Danowitz has no prior attorney discipline. Accordingly, it hereby is ordered that for his violation of Standard 46 of Bar Rule 4-102 (d), Edward Francis Danowitz be administered a Review Panel reprimand pursuant to Bar Rules 4-102 (b) (4) and 4-220 (b).

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

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