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> RE: <u>In the Matter of Charlene Cathcart</u> Docket No. DRB 96-088 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Cathcart:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on May 16, 1994, you sent a letter directly to the defendant in a personal injury matter in which you represented the plaintiff. Your conduct was unethical and violative of RPC 4.2 and ACPE Opinion 81, inasmuch as you communicated about the subject of the representation with a party that you knew was represented by counsel, without the consent of counsel and without authorization under the law to do so.

Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. $\underline{R}.1:20-15(f)(4)$.

A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you become the subject of any further discipline, it will be taken into consideration.

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The Board has also directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Board Chair Lee M. Hymerling recused himself in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

RMH/dm

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