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<u>Certified Mail - R.R.R.</u> and Regular Mail

John J. Dudas, Jr., Esq. 14 West Madison Avenue Dumont, New Jersey 07628

RE: In the Matter of John J. Dudas, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 95-383 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Dudas:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in July 1989 you were retained by Liz Ragab and her husband to represent them in connection with a claim against Murphy Chevrolet arising from difficulties with a used vehicle purchased in October 1988. Thereafter, you failed to return your clients' telephone calls and to inform them of the status of the matter. Also, for a period of almost one year, you failed to turn over their file to new counsel, as requested. Lastly, you failed to cooperate with the district ethics committee's investigation of the grievance or to comply with the committee's direction that you forward the file to your clients' new counsel and file an answer to the formal ethics complaint. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.4(a), RPC 1.16(d) and RPC 8.1(b).

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. $\underline{R}.1:20-15(f)(4)$.

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you ultimately cooperated with the committee by entering into stipulations of fact and that you agreed to be supervised by a proctor.

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.

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.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

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