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> Re: <u>In the Matter of Richard Onorevole</u> Docket No. 94-294 District Docket No. X-93-034E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Onorevole:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in or about September 1992, you were retained by Margaret Maher to obtain the cash surrender value of her aunt's life insurance policies and sell certain stocks in order to pay for the aunt's nursing home care. Ms. Maher also retained you to assist her in filling out a Medicaid application. Notwithstanding your obligation to represent your client's interest responsibly, from December 1992 through August 1993 you grossly neglected the handling of the matter, knowing that your client was incurring uncovered nursing home charges of \$20,000.00. You also failed to respond to Ms. Maher's and her representatives' requests for information for copies of certain documents and proof of the filing of the Medicaid application. Your conduct was unethical and violative of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4(a).

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. Rule 1:20-4(f)(2).

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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 administrative 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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