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RE: <u>In the Matter of Miles R. Feinstein</u>

Docket No. DRB 95-367

District Docket No. I-93-014E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Feinstein:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. With the approval of the Supreme Court, the Board has concluded that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for your misconduct.

Specifically, in or about February 1991 you were retained by D. K. to represent him in an appeal of a criminal conviction. Notwithstanding the fact that you had not represented D.K. before, you did not reduce the terms of your fee agreement to writing, thereby causing substantial misunderstanding between the parties as to the exact amount and basis of the fee. Your conduct was improper and violative of <u>RPC</u> 1.5(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.

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.

Very truly yours,

Robyn/M. Hill

RMH/dm

c: Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz Associate Justices Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk Supreme Court of New Jersey Lee M. Hymerling, Esq., Chair Disciplinary Review Board David E. Johnson, Jr., Esq., Director Office of Attorney Ethics Jeffrey L. Gold, Esq., Chair District I Ethics Committee Robert N. McAllister, Esq., Secretary District I Ethics Committee Rick A. Garcia, Esq. Counsel for respondent D.K., Grievant