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RE:

In the Matter of Bernadette McGinley
Docket No. DRB 96-419
District Docket No. IV-94-037E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. McGinley:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1994, at a time when you were an associate in the law firm of Silberman, Markovitz and DiFilippo, you appeared in bankruptcy court in New Jersey, notwithstanding the fact that the Silberman law firm did not have a bona fide office in the state. Indeed, a New Jersey law firm, DuBois, Sheehan, Hamilton and Levin, accommodated the Silberman law firm by accepting phone calls and transmitting messages in its behalf, arranging for the pick-up of mail addressed to the Silberman law firm or mailing the correspondence to the Silberman law firm in Philadelphia, and allowing members of the Silberman law firm to use their office in New Jersey, when requested. Your conduct was improper and in violation of R.1:21-1, RPC 5.5(a), Committee on Attorney Advertising Opinion 19, 3 N.J.L. 1821 and 138 N.J.L.J. 286 (September 1994), and In re Kasson, 141 N.J. 83, 1995.

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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.

The Board has also directed that the cost 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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cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz

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