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Re: In the Matter of Louis W. Childress, Jr.
Docket No. DRB 02-395
District Docket No. VA-00-087E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Childress:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the recommendation for an admonition filed by the District VA Ethics Committee in the above matter. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition. Specifically, in connection with your representation of clients in real estate closings, you did not provide them with a written fee agreement or communicate to them the basis or rate of the fee, in writing, although you had not represented these clients before. Your conduct was improper and in violation of RPC 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. 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.

Very truly yours,


Robyn M. Hill

RMH/ns

c: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
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