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Re: In the Matter of Raymond Douglas
Docket No. DRB 01-356
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Douglas:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1999, you were retained by Averie Healy to rescind/modify a property settlement agreement that she signed in May 1998 without the advice of counsel. Ms. Healy also wanted issues of alimony, child support and joint/share custody to be brought before the court. In February 2000, Ms. Healy received a summons and complaint for divorce filed by her husband. Although Ms. Healy gave you the divorce complaint, you never filed an answer. As a result, on June 14, 2000 the court entered a judgment of divorce incorporating the property settlement agreement. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.1(a).

In imposing an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1976.

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).

I/M/O Raymond Douglas
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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 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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- c. Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
- Associate Justices
- Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk, Supreme Court of New Jersey
- Rocky L. Peterson, Chair, Disciplinary Review Board
- David E. Johnson, Jr., Director, Office of Attorney Ethics
- Craig Terkowitz, Chair, District VIII Ethics Committee
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- Averie M. Healy, Grievant