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RE:

In the Matter of Andrys S. Gomez

Docket No. DRB 03-203

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Gomez:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in April 1996, you were retained by three passengers and the driver of a vehicle that were involved in an accident. The passengers sued the driver of the vehicle, creating a conflict of interest. You attempted to avoid the conflict of interest by transferring some of the cases to other attorneys. Your secretary retained one of the cases and continued to work on it without your knowledge or consent. Your conduct in this regard violated RPC 1.7(b), RPC 1.9(a)(1), and RPC 5.3(a) and (b). In addition, you did little or no work in the matters in violation of RPC 1.1(a) and RPC 1.3, and failed to communicate with your clients in violation of RPC 1.4(a). All of these violations are deemed a breach of RPC 8.4(a).

In imposing only an admonition, we have considered as mitigating circumstances the significant measures you have taken to improve the quality of your practice, including decreasing the number of files you are handling, copying your clients on all correspondence, installing a computer program to determine if there are any conflicts of interest in your office, monitoring your own mail, and closely supervising your employees.

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.

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,

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