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Re: In the Matter of Jonathan H. Lesnik
Docket No. DRB 02-120
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Lesnik:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in October 2000, you were retained by Marea Anne DePalma to represent her in a divorce matter. Despite your obligation to represent your client's interests responsibly, you did not file an answer to the complaint or obtain an extension of time to file an answer, as a result of which the court entered a final judgment of divorce by default. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.1(a) and RPC 1.3. In addition, you did not keep your client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, in violation of RPC 1.4(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your actions did not cause permanent injury to your client and that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1991.

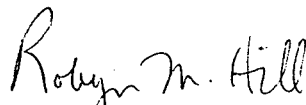
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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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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