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Re: <u>In the Matter of Lenora Marshall</u> Docket No. DRB 01-207 **LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Ms. Marshall:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in June 1997 you were retained to pursue an appeal of the criminal conviction of Oscar Caraballo. Although you filed a notice of appeal, you failed to file an appellate brief, thereby causing the dismissal of the appeal. Your conduct was improper and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.3 and <u>RPC</u> 1.4(a). The Board dismissed the charge of a violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.16(d) for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

As a result of your misconduct, you and the Office of Attorney Ethics entered into an agreement in lieu of discipline. You failed to timely comply with the conditions in the agreement. When you ultimately complied with the conditions, albeit in part, you failed to so advise the Office of Attorney Ethics, resulting in the filing of a formal complaint against you. Furthermore, you failed to timely file an answer to the amended complaint. Your conduct in this regard violated <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you faced a number of personal and work-related difficulties during the time in question, which made it difficult for you to comply with the conditions in the agreement in lieu of discipline. I/M/O Lenora Marshall DRB 01-207

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. <u>R</u>. 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,

Robyn M. Hill

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