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In the Matter of Albert R. Rago Re: Docket No. DRB 00-145 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Rago:

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The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1998 you were retained by Charles Scarano to represent him in a civil action in which he was a defendant, along with Jovid, Inc. In October 1992 the litigation was settled under terms that required Jovid to perform various obligations. When Jovid defaulted on its obligations, on March 31, 1994 judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiffs and against Jovid and Mr. Scarano. You failed to notify Mr. Scarano of the motions that led to the entry of a judgment against him. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.4(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions had been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1967.

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. I/M/O Albert R. Rago DRB 00-145

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,

FU Robyn M. Hill

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