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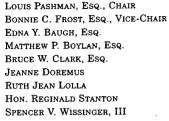
Matthew George Connolly, Esq. 66 Hudson Street 2nd Floor Hoboken, NJ 07030

> Re: <u>In the Matter of Matthew George Connolly</u> Docket No. DRB 08-419 District Docket No. VI-07-011E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Connolly:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you practiced law while ineligible to do so for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of <u>RPC</u> 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your conduct was unintentional as you were unaware that your office had failed to pay the annual assessment. When you became aware of your ineligible status, you immediately cured your ineligibility.





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Your conduct has 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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

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