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> RE: <u>In the Matter of Jamie M. Epstein</u> Docket No. DRB 06-191 District Docket No. IV-03-009E **LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Epstein:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. July 27, 2001, you appeared before Specifically, on the Honorable Jeffrey S. Masin, ALJ, representing the interests of a minor in a matter against the Medford Township Board of Education. During the hearing, you persisted in arguing evidentiary points after the ALJ had already made his rulings and despite his warnings that your conduct could be met with sanctions. Several days later, you appeared again in the same matter before the ALJ, and again disrupted the proceedings. In both instances, you caused the hearings to be delayed.

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Your conduct was improper and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 3.2, <u>RPC</u> 3.5(c), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d).

Despite these violations, the Board determined to impose only an admonition, in light of your apparently troubled history with the ALJ, which colored your actions in this matter. The Board also noted that you do not have a disciplinary history. You are hereby warned, however, that any future conduct of this nature will be met with more severe discipline. Attorneys must comport themselves with professionalism and observe the dignity of court proceedings.

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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Julianne K. DeCore Chief Counsel

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