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## Certified Mail - R.R.R. and Regular Mail

Steven V. Podolsky, Esq. c/o Bert Anthony Vigueras, Esq. 400 Bordentown Avenue Suite 20 Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

Re: <u>In the Matter of Steven V. Podolsky</u>

Docket No. DRB 05-187

District Docket No. VIII-03-023E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Podolsky:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, from September 30, 2002 through April 10, 2003, you were ineligible to practice law in New Jersey for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Nevertheless, on December 3, 2002, you filed a complaint in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Union County, on behalf of plaintiffs Lev S. Fridman and Bella Fridman. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 5.5(a) (unauthorized practice of law).

In imposing an admonition, the Board considered that you were unaware of your ineligibility, that your conduct was confined to one instance, and that this is your first ethics infraction since your admission to the bar in 1997.

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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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

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