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Re: **In the Matter of Norman J. Shabel**
Docket No. DRB 07-344
District Docket No. XIV-05-257E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Shabel:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. After a careful review of the record, the Board has determined to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in 1982, Thomas Farrell retained you to represent him in workers' compensation and personal injury actions for burns sustained in a 1982 industrial steam-pipe accident. You stipulated that, by failing thereafter to periodically advise your client about the extent of mounting legal fees from 1984 to 1986, you did not adequately communicate with the client, a violation of RPC 1.4(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered the passage of time (twenty years) since the misconduct occurred, and the absence of prior discipline.

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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. 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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