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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

Gale M. Trentalange, Esq. 102 Governor Road Staten Island, NY 10314

Re: <u>In the Matter of Gale M. Trentalange</u>

Docket No. DRB 08-407
District Docket No. VI-07-031E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Trentalange:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in July 2007, you represented a client in a traffic matter in municipal 'court at a time when you were ineligible to practice law for failure to pay the annual assessment the Lawyers' Fund for to New Jersey Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC Protection. 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you were caring for your ailing father in 2006, that you thought that you had paid the assessment, and that you promptly 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. 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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