

*Bulk*

# DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

OF THE

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY



LOUIS PASHMAN, ESQ., CHAIR  
BONNIE C. FROST, ESQ., VICE-CHAIR  
EDNA Y. BAUGH, ESQ.  
MATTHEW P. BOYLAN, ESQ.  
BRUCE W. CLARK, ESQ.  
JEANNE DOREMUS  
RUTH JEAN LOLLA  
HON. REGINALD STANTON  
SPENCER V. WISSINGER, III

RICHARD J. HUGHES JUSTICE COMPLEX  
P. O. Box 962  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0962  
(609) 292-1011

JULIANNE K. DECORE  
CHIEF COUNSEL

ISABEL FRANK  
DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL

ELLEN A. BRODSKY  
FIRST ASSISTANT COUNSEL

LILLIAN LEWIN  
DONA S. SEROTA-TESCHNER  
COLIN T. TAMS  
KATHRYN ANNE WINTERLE  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL

February 11, 2009

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

Michael E. Wilbert, Esq.  
c/o Robert J. DeGroot, Esq.  
56 Park Place  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: In the Matter of Michael E. Wilbert  
DRB Docket No. 08-308  
District Docket No. XIV-07-534E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Wilbert:

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

Specifically, you stipulated to having violated N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3(f) (a fourth degree crime), based on your possession of hollow-point bullets in the State of New Jersey, which you attempted to transport from Newark Liberty International Airport to Florida on Jet Blue Airways. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 8.4(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your claim that you had declared the bullets to the airline's agent who checked you in at the airport and tagged your luggage. The

I/M/O Michael E. Wilbert

DRB 08-308

Page Two

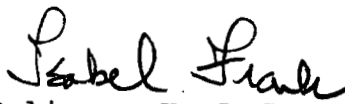
Board also considered the lack of evidence that you intended to conceal your possession of the bullets and your unblemished disciplinary record since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1971.

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 also has 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,

By   
Julianne K. DeCore  
Chief Counsel

JKD/KAW/tk

cc: Chief Justice Stuart J. Rabner  
Associate Justices  
Louis Pashman, Chair  
Disciplinary Review Board  
Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk  
Supreme Court of New Jersey  
Gail G. Haney, Deputy Clerk  
Supreme Court of New Jersey (w/ethics history)  
Charles Centinaro, Director  
Office of Attorney Ethics