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Re: <u>In the Matter of W. Kevin Wright</u>
Docket No. DRB 07-140
District Docket No. XII-06-0040E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in your representation of East Wing Contracting, Inc. and its principal, Patrick Scott, you handled several checks from a Dr. Earl Garrett to your client. In the course of an ethics investigation of your conduct surrounding the deposits of the checks, you ignored the investigator's December 1, 2006 letter requesting trust account information, and a "final notice" dated December 21, 2006. Your failure to cooperate with ethics authorities during the ethics investigation was a violation of RPC 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have no prior final discipline, that you expressed remorse for your tardiness in replying to the ethics authorities, and that you ultimately cooperated with the ethics investigator.

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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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