## DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

## OF THE

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LOUIS PASHMAN, ESQ. CHAIR
BONNIE C. FROST, ESQ. VICE-CHAIR
EDNA Y. BAUGH, ESQ.
BRUCE W. CLARK, ESQ.
JEANNE DOREMMUS
HON. REGINALD STANTON
SPENCER V. WISSINGER, III
MORRIS YAMNER, ESQ.
ROBERT C. ZMIRICH



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

July 7, 2009

Robert Moon, Esq. c/o Glenn R. Reiser, Esq. Lofaro & Reiser LLP 55 Hudson Street Hackensack, NJ 07601

Re: <u>In the Matter of Robert Moon</u>

Docket No. DRB 09-085

District Docket No. IIB-08-002E

Consent to Discipline

Dear Mr. Moon:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or lesser discipline), filed by the District IIB Ethics Committee in the above matter, pursuant to  $\underline{R}$ . 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in 2007, you represented Esmat Rabah in a summary dispossess action. The parties entered into a written settlement agreement that included a provision that Rabah would pay two months' past due rent. Prior to the settlement, Rabah had produced checks for the past due rent. The payments were not made a part of the settlement terms presented to the court. You knew, prior to putting through the settlement that Rabah had placed stop-payments on the checks. It was not until later that day or the next day that you advised your adversary of the stop-payment orders. Your conduct violated RPC 3.3, RPC 4.1, and RPC 8.4(c).

## Page Two In the Matter of Robert Moon

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you believed that Rabah would immediately have the stop-payment orders reversed and that the plaintiff would not suffer any harm. Board also noted your offer to the plaintiff's attorney to vacate the stipulation of settlement and to have the matter returned to the active trial calendar. The Board further considered your lack of prior discipline, your remorse, your attempts to have Rabah make good on the checks, after disclosing the stop-payment, and your full-time employment by Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, where you devote your practice to representing low-income clients.

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. 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 disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

ulianne K. DeCore

uliane K. Delore

drief Counsel

JKD/sj

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner c:

Associate Justices

Louis Pashman, Chair

Disciplinary Review Board

Mark Neary, 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

Michael I. Lubin, Chair, District IIB Ethics Committee

Morton R. Covitz, Secretary, District IIB Ethics Committee