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

Richard C. Heubel, Esq. 412 77th Street North Bergen, NJ 07047

> RE: <u>In the Matter of Richard C. Heubel</u> Docket No. DRB 09-187 District Docket No. VI-08-0021E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Heubel:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Board deems appropriate), filed by the District VI Ethics Committee in the above matter, pursuant to <u>R.</u> 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in 2006, you were asked to prepare a deed for your clients to facilitate an inter-family transfer of a parcel of property for the purpose of obtaining a loan on the property and to make repairs to it. You forwarded the deed to one of the owners of the property to have her sign it and have her signature notarized. Although she signed it, she did not have her signature notarized and returned the document to you.

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When the other owner of the property went to your office to sign the deed, you witnessed that signature and notarized both signatures on the deed. By notarizing the signature outside of the other signatory's presence you violated <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you admitted your wrongdoing and cooperated fully with the committee investigation.

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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