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RE: **In the Matter of Arnold M. Abramowitz**
Docket No. DRB 95-399
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Abramowitz:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, by order of the Irvington Municipal Court, dated November 19, 1992, you were appointed as counsel for Mark Newton, an indigent defendant, for the purpose of pursuing an appeal from a criminal conviction by the Irvington Municipal Court that had been upheld by the Superior Court of New Jersey - Criminal Division, Essex County. Mr. Newton had already filed a notice of appeal pro se, on January 17, 1992. Although there is some dispute as to whether you were served with a copy of the Irvington Municipal Court order soon after its entry, you met with Mr. Newton on February 23, 1993 to discuss the appeal. Thereafter, although Mr. Newton delivered the transcripts of the proceedings to your office, you failed to pursue the appeal, as a result of which it was dismissed for lack of prosecution in May 1993. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.3.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that Mr. Newton suffered no irreparable harm as a result of your inaction inasmuch as his appeal has been reinstated and is still pending.

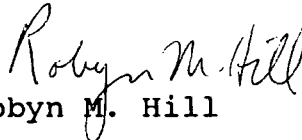
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Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R.1:20-15(f)(4).

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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,


Robyn M. Hill

RMH/dm

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