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<u>Certified Mail - R.R.R.</u> <u>and Regular Mail</u>

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RE: In the Matter of Michael Coscia

Docket No. DRB 95-268 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Coscia:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, although you represented New Jersey clients, you failed to maintain a bona fide office in the state of New Jersey. The arrangement that you had of maintaining an office at your brother's house in Clark, New Jersey, and having your sister-in-law refer clients' inquiries to your Brooklyn, New York, office did not satisfy the requirements of \underline{R} . 1:21-1. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of \underline{RPC} 5.5.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your honest, but mistaken, belief, that you had met the necessary criteria of the <u>bona fide</u> office rule.

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.

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.

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The Board has also directed that the cost of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

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