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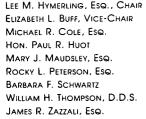
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### RE: <u>In the Matter of Harvey J. Honig</u> Docket No. DRB 95-368 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Honig:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, beginning in 1985 and intermittently through 1990, you represented Bennett Fleisher, a real estate developer, in obtaining a subdivision approval and in posting a performance bond. After the termination of your attorney/client relationship with Mr. Fleisher and while representing Hardyston as township attorney, you were asked to and did render an opinion regarding the calling of the performance bond posted by Mr. Fleisher. At that time, you were in a potentially adversarial role with your former client. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.9 and RPC 1.11(c).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that neither the township nor Mr. Fleisher suffered any apparent damage and that no disciplinary infraction had been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1969.





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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. <u>R</u>.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,

m. Hill Robyn/M. Hill

RMH/dm

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