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RE: In the Matter of Robert C. Maida

Docket No. DRB 94-357 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Maida:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on March 31, 1989, you formed a corporation known as North Run, Inc., of which Patrick G. Malloy (then Mayor of North Hanover Township), Ronald L. Miller and James J. Nash, Jr. (then Township Administrator) were equal stockholders. Patrick Malloy, the Mayor of North Hanover Township, also had been your client for some In the spring of 1990, while you served as North thirty years. Hanover Township attorney, you were called upon to advise the township committee about the awarding of a contractor's bid to Ronald Miller, who had submitted the lowest of the nine bids received. As stated above, Miller was a shareholder in North Run, Inc., a corporation to which you provided legal services, at least to the extent of filing the certificate of incorporation, procuring a tax identity number, filing an S corporation election, issuing shares of stock to the stockholders and serving as registered agent The advise to your client, the township of the corporation. committee, to award a bid to Miller, the stockholder of a corporation that you represented and the partner of Malloy, who was also your client, resulted in an appearance of impropriety, in violation of \underline{RPC} 1.7(c)(2).

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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. Rule 1:20-4(f)(2).

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 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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cc: Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz

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