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Re:

In the Matter of Raymond T. Page

Docket No. 95-413

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Townsend:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. With the approval of the Supreme Court, the Board has concluded that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for your misconduct.

Specifically, in January 1990 you were retained by Thomas A. Zander to represent him in connection with foreclosure actions on two parcels of land on which Mr. Zander had purchased tax certificates. Notwithstanding your obligation to represent your client diligently and responsibly, more than three years after you were retained you still had not completed the matters, to the detriment of your client. In addition, you failed to communicate with your client about the status of the matters, ignoring his numerous and persistent requests for information. Lastly, you failed to cooperate with the committee investigator's efforts to obtain information about the grievance. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4, RPC 3.2 and RPC 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your contrition and sincerity. The Board also noted that you undertook the representation of a client in a matter for which you had no experience.

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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.

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/sj Enclosure

cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
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