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RE:

In the Matter of Pamela A. Baken

Docket No. 98-151

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Baken:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1996 you were retained by Mary Anderson for the purpose of starting a divorce action on her behalf. Ms. Anderson paid you a \$300 retainer. Thereafter, you did not communicate with Ms. Anderson again and never notified her that you were moving your office to another location. In addition, you did no legal work on behalf of Ms. Anderson. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4 (a).

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 1:20-15(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.

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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,

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cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz

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