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Seymour Wasserstrum, Esq., 319 Landis Avenue Vineland, New Jersey 08360

Re:

In the Matter of Seymour Wasserstrum

Docket No. DRB 97-046

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Wasserstrum:

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, from 1987 through 1989 you represented James E. Moore in two personal injury matters that were ultimately settled. You took the cases on a contingency basis and did not reduce the fee agreements to writing in either matter. Your conduct in this regard violated <u>RPC</u> 1.5(c). You also committed a technical violation of <u>R</u>.1:21-7(g) when you turned over the entire file to Mr. Moore without keeping copies of the settlement disbursement sheets and other required books and records.

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. \underline{R} . 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.

I/M/O Seymour Wasserstrum DRB No. 97-046

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

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