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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

Gerard L. Del Tufo, Esq. Highway 34 PO Box 409 Matawan, NJ 07747

Re: <u>In the Matter of Gerard L. Del Tufo</u>

Docket No. DRB 10-127

District Docket No. IIIA-2008-0030E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Del Tufo:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition.

Specifically, on July 9, 2008, while in attendance in Aberdeen Municipal Court on another matter, you agreed to represent seventeen year-old Charles Hasemann who, with his mother's help, had just unsuccessfully sought the adjournment of his trial on a motor vehicle charge. When the judge granted a similar adjournment request made by the prosecutor, you became indignant, accusing the judge and prosecutor of collusion and corruption, of being "in bed" with each other, and against your client. Your misconduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice (RPC 3.5(c)), and intended to disrupt a tribunal (RPC 8.4(d)).

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no ethics violations have been sustained against you in your twenty years at the bar and that you expressed remorse for your actions.

Your conduct has 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. 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.

The Board has also directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Julianne K. DeCore Chief Counsel

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