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RE: In the Matter of Darryl W. Simpkins  
Docket No. DRB 11-258  
District Docket No. XIII-2010-0010E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Simpkins:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition), filed by the District Ethics XIII Committee, pursuant to R. 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, Marcia Gladden retained you in 2001 to represent her for injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Despite your obligation to represent your client's interests diligently, you never filed a complaint on her behalf, a violation of RPC 1.3. You also failed, after 2002, to adequately communicate with your client, who made numerous telephone calls to you, requesting information about the matter. Your failure to reply to Gladden's reasonable requests for information after 2002 constituted a violation of RPC 1.4(b).

I/M/O Darryl W. Simpkins

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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. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that this is your first brush with the disciplinary system in twenty-seven years at the bar.

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,

  
by Julianne K. DeCore  
Chief Counsel

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