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> Re: <u>In the Matter of David A. Tykulsker</u> Docket No. DRB 12-040 District Docket No. VC-2010-0035E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Tykulsker:

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.

During the course of your representation of John Reuben Mitchell, you failed to keep him apprised of the status of his non-responsive to his attempts to matter and you were communicate with you. Specifically, on June 16, 2010, the workers' compensation court denied a motion to vacate its April 14, 2010 order dismissing Mitchell's claim, without prejudice, for lack of prosecution. You did not communicate this Indeed, Mitchell did not learn of this information to Mitchell. development until he called you, on June 28, 2010, to inquire about the outcome of the motion.

In addition, Mitchell, who was considering appealing the order, requested a copy of the two court orders on multiple occasions, between June 28 and early September 2010, but they were never provided to him until he personally appeared at your

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office, in September 2010. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.4(b).

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).

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,

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