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Re: In the Matter of Adam Kelly

Docket No. DRB 13-250
District Docket No. IIB-2011-0022E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Kelly:

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, you were ineligible to practice law, from September 27, 2010 to October 15, 2012, for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. During the period that you were ineligible to practice law, your New Jersey practice consisted of handling DYFS cases that the Public Defender's Office assigned to you. You handled at least seven cases during your ineligibility period. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 5.5(a)(1).

The Board dismissed the remaining charges for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that there was no indication in the record that you were aware that you had been declared ineligible to practice. The Board also considered that you have no history of discipline since your 2000 admission to the New Jersey bar.

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. \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.

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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