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RE: In the Matter of Sebastian Onyi Ibezim, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 13-405
District Docket No. XIV-2012-0131E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Ibezim:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition), filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) in the above matter, pursuant to \underline{R} . 1:20-10(b). Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, from about June 13, 2005 through May 31, 2011, you maintained outstanding trust balances for a number of your clients, some of whom were unidentified. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of R. 1:21-6 and RPC 1.15(d).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you acknowledged your wrongdoing by entering into a stipulation with the OAE, that nothing in the record indicates any harm to clients or third parties, that you have hired an assistant to help you locate clients and resolve medical liens, that you retained an accountant to reconcile your trust account and reconstruct your trust account records, that you were diligent in resolving the previously unidentified balances, and that you have no disciplinary

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history in over sixteen years at the bar.

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).

The Board also directed that you transfer forthwith to the Superior Court Trust Fund any funds that remained unidentified, as provided by \underline{R} . 1:21-6(j), and submit to the OAE proof that you have done so.

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 cost of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Isabel Frank

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c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

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