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Re: In the Matter of Gary A. Kraemer

Docket No. DRB 14-085

District Docket No. XA-2013-0014E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Kraemer:

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, in 2009 you represented a fellow attorney, Forrest Merrill, in two matters litigated in Sussex County. In both matters, you failed to file your appearance for several months. In one of the matters, <u>Teed v. Merrill</u>, you also failed to take prompt action to compel an independent medical examination of the plaintiff, which was needed to verify the nature and extent of Teed's claimed injuries. You stipulated that your inaction constituted a lack of diligence, a violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.3.

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In addition, throughout the representation, you repeatedly failed to reply to your client's — and his prior counsel's — numerous requests for information about the two matters. Your admitted failure to adequately communicate with the client violated RPC 1.4(b).

Finally, several months after final judgment was entered against Merrill, you failed to turn over the file to appellate counsel, a violation of \underline{RPC} 1.16(d).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your unblemished record of thirty-five years at the bar, which suggested that your conduct was out of character.

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,

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