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Re: In the Matter of Thomas E. Hood
Docket No. DRB 10-380
District Docket No. XIV-2009-093E

Dear Mr. Neary:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand) filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) in the above matter. Following a review of the motion, the Board determined to grant the motion.

In the Board's view, a reprimand is the appropriate measure of discipline for respondent's violation of RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). Specifically, respondent's stipulated sexual contact with his client, K.W., lacked professionalism and violated her "right to feel safe during consultations with her attorney." See, e.g., In the Matter of Terry G. Tucker, DRB 02-397 (May 17, 2002) (slip op. at 4).

Enclosed are the following documents:

1. Notice of motion for discipline by consent, dated October 25, 2010.
2. Stipulation of discipline by consent, dated October 26, 2010.

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3. Affidavit of consent, dated October 19, 2010.
4. Ethics history, dated January 21, 2011.

Very truly yours,



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