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Tanya E. Lawrence, Esq REDACTED - CONFIDENTIAL

## Re: <u>In the Matter of Tanya E. Lawrence</u> Docket No. DRB 03-044 **LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, from September 20, 1999 to July 10, 2001, you were ineligible to practice law in New Jersey for failure to pay the annual attorney assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Despite your ineligibility to practice law in New Jersey, you filed a motion with the court seeking to restore a case dismissed for lack of prosecution. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you were unaware of your ineligible status at the time.

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. <u>R</u>. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

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