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RE: In the Matter of David S. Rudenstein

Docket No. DRB 02-426

District Docket No. IV-01-103E ADMONITION BY CONSENT

Dear Mr. Rudenstein:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition) filed by the District IV Ethics Committee in the above matter. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to issue a letter of admonition.

Specifically, you practiced law in New Jersey over a period of eleven months, from September 2000 to August 2001, while ineligible to practice for failure to pay the 2000 annual attorney assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Your conduct was improper and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1981.

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. \underline{R} .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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