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Stephen H. Rosen, Esq. CONFIDENTIAL

RE: In the Matter of Stephen H. Rosen

Docket No. DRB 96-070 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Rosen:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on July 22, 1988, you witnessed and notarized the signature of Wilfredo Leon on certain closing documents signed outside of your presence. In improperly affixing your jurat on the documents, you violated \underline{RPC} 8.4(c). In addition, you failed to reply in a timely matter to the district ethics committee's request for information about the \underline{Leon} grievance, in violation of \underline{RPC} 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that at the time you were under a considerable amount of stress, which affected your judgment.

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. $\underline{R}.1:20-15(f)(4)$.

A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you

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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

RMH/dm

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