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RE: In the Matter of Basil D. Beck, III

Docket No. DRB 95-160 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Beck:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. With the approval of the Supreme Court, the Board has concluded that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for your misconduct.

Specifically, in 1993, for a period of four or five months, you utilized a law office arrangement that did not meet the requirements of the <u>bona fide</u> office rule. Although there were two tenants at your office address who received your mail, you visited that office approximately once every two weeks, maintained no office equipment or furniture, did not have a secretary and utilized an answering service. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you took action to remedy the problem and are now in compliance with the <u>bona fide</u> office rule.

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.

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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

RMH/dm

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