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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

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Re: In the Matter of Phillip L. Lucas
Docket No. DRB 19-085
District Docket No. IIIA-2017-0010E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Lucas:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition for your violation of RPC 1.5(b) (failure to communicate in writing the basis or rate of the fee) and RPC 1.6(a) (revealing information relating to the representation of a client without obtaining the client's consent).

Specifically, in September 2011, Frank Campione, a physician's assistant, retained you to assist in the formation of a limited liability corporation and the preparation of a contract between him and a third party. You did not provide Campione with a writing setting forth the scope of your relationship or the basis or rate of the fee, which you stipulated was a violation of RPC 1.5(b). Further, after Campione was arrested for practicing medicine without a license, you gave a formal statement to the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office about the nature and scope of the representation, without being compelled to do so and without Campione's consent. You stipulated that your conduct in this regard was a violation of RPC 1.6.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your full cooperation with disciplinary authorities, including entering into a stipulation of facts; your admission of

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wrongdoing and of your misunderstanding of the scope of the Rules that you violated; your lack of malicious intent in communicating with the prosecutor's office; your unblemished disciplinary record in your forty-seven years at the bar; and your extensive and continuing community service.

Your conduct has adversely reflected not only on you as an attorney but also on all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. 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 become the subject of any further discipline, this admonition will be taken into consideration.

The Board also has directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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