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**RE: In the Matter of Paulette Brown**  
**Docket No. DRB 97-383**  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you were retained by Bentley Herbert to represent him in connection with damages allegedly suffered as a result of an automobile accident that occurred in 1988. In 1989 the personal injury claim was settled. As part of the settlement, the sum of \$2,942.00 was to remain in your trust account to cover potential outstanding medical bills. Notwithstanding your duty to represent your client's interests diligently, the funds were not disbursed for over four years and then only after a suit was instituted against your client to recover monies paid by the workers' compensation carrier. Your conduct was unethical and violative of RPC 1.3.

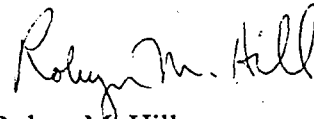
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15 (f) (4).

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, it will be taken into consideration.

I/M/O Paulette Brown  
DRB 97-383

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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