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Hardge Davis, Jr., Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Hardge Davis, Jr.  
Docket No. DRB 98-126  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in the course of an ethics proceeding instituted against you, you failed to cooperate with the disciplinary authorities by not replying to the Office of Attorney Ethics' several requests for information about the grievance. In addition, you did not file an answer to the formal ethics complaint until February 18, 1997, notwithstanding that the complaint had been filed on June 13, 1996. Although the allegations concerning the grievance were ultimately dismissed, your conduct in ignoring the ethics authorities' requests for information was unethical and in violation of RPC 8.1(b).

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 Hardge Davis, Jr.  
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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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