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RE: In the Matter of Ronald W. Horowitz
Docket No. DRB 96-420 ⁹⁴
District Docket No. IX-~~92~~-055E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Horowitz:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in August 1993, a court determined that your client was entitled to pension benefits, counsel fees and costs in connection with a wrongful termination of employment. In your efforts to satisfy the judgment entered by the court, you levied on an account maintained by the defendant at National Westminster Bank, in the amount of \$37,429.40. On or about April 26, 1994, you received a check in the amount of \$37,320.94. Thereafter, on June 2, 1994, you wrote a letter to Gerry Soccoa, of National Westminster Bank Corp., claiming that "[s]ince the levy we have received all but \$1,100 to satisfy the judgment. Therefore, kindly send only the amount of \$1,100 to satisfy this turnover order." In fact, you knew that, under the judgment and turnover order, you were not entitled to \$1,100, as requested. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 4.1(a)(1). The Board also directed you to make restitution of \$1,100 to the grievant, Michael Kuhn, of AMC/House Master.

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your action was the result of exasperation and poor judgment on your part.

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.

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

Very truly yours,


Robyn/M. Hill

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