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Re: In the Matter of Paul Paskey
Docket No. DRB 98-244
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Paskey:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed the recommendation for an admonition filed by the District VI Ethics Committee. Following a review of the record, supplemented by oral argument, the Board has concluded that your conduct was improper. Specifically, in June 1993 you were retained by Edwina Karczewski to file a civil action against her brother, who owed her \$27,000. Although you filed the complaint and served it on the defendant, in September 1993 the complaint was dismissed for what the court clerk termed as "improper paperwork." Thereafter, you filed a second complaint on December 19, 1996, only to allow it to be dismissed again in October 1997 for lack of prosecution. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.1(a) (gross negligence) and RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence). In addition, you did not apprise your client of the dismissal of the complaint and did not reply to her numerous inquiries about the status of the matter. Your conduct in this regard violated RPC 1.4(a) (failure to communicate with a client).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you were beset by personal problems during the relevant times, including the breakup of your marriage, financial difficulties and the foreclosure of your house.


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).

I/M/O Paul Paskey
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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

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