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Ronald S. Sampson, Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Ronald S. Sampson  
Docket No. DRB 98-026  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Sampson:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in or about 1991 or 1992, David Williams retained the law firm of which you were an associate to represent him in connection with pending litigation. Prior to that your law firm and, more specifically, you had handled other matters for Mr. Williams. Although the new matter was assigned primarily to you, you took no steps to obtain the file from previous counsel and did not sign a substitution of attorney form. While initially you represented the client's interests by serving demands for discovery and attending arbitrations, at some later point the pending cases were dismissed. Thereafter, you failed to take appropriate action to have the actions reinstated. In addition, you failed to reply to requests for information about the matter from your client and his prior attorney. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.1(a) and RPC 1.4(a).

Lastly, your failure to comply with the disciplinary authorities' demands for information about the grievance violated RPC 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your cooperation with the district ethics committee and your acknowledgment of wrongdoing.

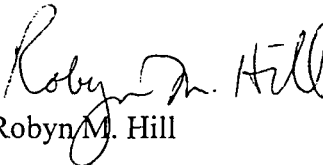
I/M/O Ronald S. Sampson  
DRB 98-026

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 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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