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RE: In the Matter of Robert Simons
Docket No. 98-189
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Simons:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in August 1995, while you were employed as an assistant prosecutor in the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, at the request of a friend who worked for a security company you helped monitor closed circuit telecasts of a professional fight shown at various bars and restaurants in Pennsylvania. The object of the monitoring was to determine whether the legality of the broadcast was being observed. After you noticed what you believed to be an illegal telecast of the fight, you filled out an affidavit form that had been given to you for such purpose. After asking your friend's permission, you signed the friend's name on the form and notarized the "signature." That affidavit was subsequently attached to a complaint filed in federal court. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 8.4 (c).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered the extensive mitigation present in this case, namely that you quickly admitted your wrongdoing and cooperated with the disciplinary authorities by stipulating the facts, that you notified your employer of your misconduct as soon as you were informed of its impropriety, that you lost your job as a result

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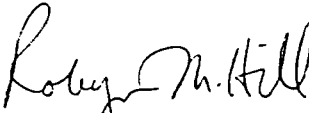
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of your actions, that you were a new attorney at the time, that you enjoy a good reputation among your peers and are held in high esteem by your former office, that you were not representing a client when you committed your misconduct, that you derived no personal gain from your actions and lastly that you were inexperienced in civil law and apparently were unaware that your conduct was unethical.

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. Rule 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 cost 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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