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Re:

In the Matter of Edward Wallace, III

Docket No. DRB 97-381

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on December 12, 1992 and February 18, 1993, you appeared in the Superior Court of Atlantic County in the matter of Charles D. Miller, a defendant under indictment. On both occasions, you represented himself as an attorney eligible to practice law in the courts of the State of New Jersey. Since July 18, 1991, however, you had been declared ineligible to practice law in New Jersey for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Your conduct was unethical and violative of <u>RPC</u> 5.5(a).

In recommending only an admonition, the Board considered (1) that your actions were motivated by your desire to help Mr. Miller, to whom you did not charge a legal fee, (2) that you had not maintained an active legal practice since 1990, and (3) that you had forgotten about the requirement to maintain current payments with the Client Protection Fund.

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.  $\underline{R}$ . 1:20-15 (f) (4).

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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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