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RE: In the Matter of Seymour Wasserstrum
Docket No. 98-173
CORRECTED - LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Wasserstrum:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on August 29, 1988 you were retained by Madeline Swelto to represent her in connection with personal injuries stemming from an automobile accident. You failed, however, to prepare a retainer agreement covering the contingent fee. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of R. 1:21-7 and RPC 1.5 (c).

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.

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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,

By 
Robyn M. Hill

RMH/emw

cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
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