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LeRoy Carmichael
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Re: In the Matter of LeRoy Carmichael
Docket No. DRB 02-230
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Carmichael:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in early 1990s you and Linda Anderson, an attorney with an office in New Brunswick, entered into an agreement whereby you would forward her personal injury cases on which you had worked. She would then complete the work and apportion the fees with you. Twenty-seven files were involved in this joint venture.

In order to serve these clients, you set up a trust account in the name of Carmichael and Anderson. You also maintained a separate trust account for your practice of law in Trenton. Once the Carmichael and Anderson trust account was established, you did not maintain or review any attorney books or records pertaining to that account, which was maintained solely by Anderson.

I/M/O LeRoy Carmichael
Docket No. DRB 02-320

Without your knowledge, Anderson knowingly misappropriated \$90,000 in clients' funds from the trust account set up for the joint venture. Those funds belonged to Anderson's clients alone, whom you never represented. However, your failure to maintain or review the trust account records violated R. 1:21-6 and RPC 1.15(d).


In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that, during the time in question, you were beset by physical illnesses that interfered with your ability to monitor Anderson's activities. The Board also noted your acknowledgment of wrongdoing.

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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