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Re: In the Matter of Susan R. Dargay  
Docket No. DRB 02-276  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Ms. Dargay:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in May 1999 you were retained by Anna DeMarco to represent her in a divorce matter. After the case was completed, you failed to promptly submit to the court a final judgment of divorce. In addition, in March 2000 you were retained by JoAnn Hoffman to oppose a motion by her formal husband, seeking to emancipate their daughter. Despite your obligation to keep your client informed about the status of the matter, you failed to reply to her letters and numerous telephone calls. Your conduct was unethical. In DeMarco, you violated RPC 1.3 and, in Hoffman, you violated RPC 1.4(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that personal and familial problems impaired your ability to maintain the level of communication and diligence expected of the profession. The Board also considered that your clients suffered no harm as a result of your conduct.

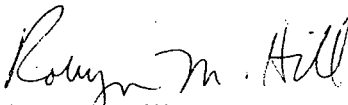
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Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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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- Associate Justices
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