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Re: In the Matter of Howard S. Diamond
Docket No. DRB 01-420
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Diamond:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1996 you were retained to handle the administration of the estate of Goldie Lerner. Between June 1999 and December 1999 you failed to reply to the executrix' inquiries and concerns about the estate. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of *RPC 1.4(a)*.


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.

I/M/O Howard S. Diamond
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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

RMH:ms

- c. Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
- Associate Justices
- Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk, Supreme Court of New Jersey
- Rocky L. Peterson, Chair, Disciplinary Review Board
- David E. Johnson, Jr., Director, Office of Attorney Ethics
- William Krais, Chair, District X Ethics Committee
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- Albert B. Jeffers, Respondent's counsel
- Frances Gould-Naftel, Grievant