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Re: In the Matter of Harry E. Franks, Jr.
Docket No. DRB 01-286
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Franks:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 1996 you represented Jo Ann Skey in a matrimonial matter, which included a post-judgment motion to permit her to relocate out of the State of New Jersey with the minor children of the marriage. In November 1997, Ms. Skey's ex-husband filed a motion for visitation. You filed no response or cross-motion in opposition to that application and suggested to Ms. Skey that she obtain new counsel. Your withdrawal from the representation without taking reasonable steps to protect your client's interests or without filing a motion to be relieved as counsel violated *RPC 1.16(d)*.

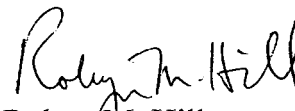
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. *R. 1:20-15(f)(4)*.

I/M/O Harry F. Franks, Jr.
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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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- Associate Justices
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