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## Certified Mail - R.R.R. and Regular Mail

Hector M. Garcia, Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Hector M. Garcia  
Docket No. DRB 02-238  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in late 1990, in the course of your representation of the plaintiff in a suit captioned Rios V. Atlantic Employers Insurance Corp. et al., you failed to file an opposition to a motion for summary judgment filed by the defendant and, thereafter, failed to timely pursue an appeal with the Appellate Division. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.3.

In mitigation, the Board considered that you were not familiar with the rules governing appellate practice.

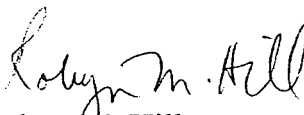
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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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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