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Re: In the Matter of James T. Gibbons
Docket No. DRB 01-018
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in the late 1990s you shared office space in the commercial premises of various companies with whom you had a professional relationship. That arrangement did not strictly comply with all bona fide office requirements of R.1:21-1(a). In addition, in 1997, when you were ineligible to practice law for failure to pay the 1997 annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, you represented Myron Samuels and Monroe Fisher in a lawsuit titled Abramsohn et al. v. Friedland et al., as well as one or more plaintiffs in a companion suit titled Kozak et al. v. Friedland, etc. et al. The above conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that at the time you were beset by your heart attack and your daughter's terminal illness.


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 James T. Gibbons
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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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