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RE: In the Matter of Kenneth H. Ginsberg
Docket No. DRB 02-449
District Docket No. X-02-010E
ADMONITION BY CONSENT

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition) filed by the District X Ethics Committee in the above matter. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to issue a letter of admonition. Specifically, you drafted a will for Helen Praed Brown, dated September 8, 1995, naming yourself as the recipient of a specific bequest of \$10,000. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.8(c).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you were not aware at the time that your conduct was prohibited by rule; that you attempted to dissuade Ms. Brown, a longtime client, from leaving that bequest to you; that you recommended to Ms. Brown that she obtain another attorney to draft the will; and that, when she insisted on your representation, you had her sign an acknowledgement that she had asked you to prepare her will despite your contrary advice.

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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