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Re: In the Matter of Robin K. Lord
Docket No. DRB 01-250
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Lord:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on October 26, 1999, you represented Rodney Ellis in Trenton Municipal Court in a matter captioned State of New Jersey v. Rodney Ellis. The caption listed six aliases for your client. Nine days later, on November 4, 1999, you represented Ellis in South Brunswick Township Municipal Court. The hearing proceeded with your client utilizing the alias Shawn Smith, a name not listed in the matter heard in Trenton Municipal Court. Although the South Brunswick court was unaware of your client's real name, Rodney Ellis, you allowed the proceeding to continue without disclosing it to the court. It was not until the following day that you advised the court of your client's real name. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 3.3(a)(5).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you ultimately notified the court of your client's identity. Had you not sent your November 5, 1999 facsimile to the court, the discipline would have been more severe.

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 Robin K. Lord
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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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