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RE: In the Matter of Philip A. Machlin
 Docket No. DRB 03-199
 District Docket No. VIII-02-014E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Machlin:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed your conduct in the above matter and concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in late 2001, you were retained by Melvin Chefitz in connection with a claim for property damage to his condominium unit. For several months thereafter, you did not reply to Mr. Chefitz' requests for information about his matter. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.4(a). In addition, you failed to reply to the district ethics committee's several requests for information about Mr. Chefitz' grievance. Your conduct was improper and in violation of RPC 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you were beset by personal problems at the time and that you have taken steps to avoid the repetition of similar misconduct. The Board also noted that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1989.

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 Philip A. Machlin

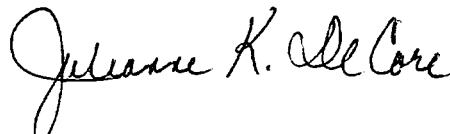
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A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you become the subject of any further discipline, it will be taken into consideration.

The Board has also directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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