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Via Certified Mail - R.R.R. and Regular Mail

William H. Oliver, Jr., Esq. 205 Bond Street P.O. Box 1038 Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712

> Re: <u>In the Matter of William H. Oliver, Jr.</u> Docket No. DRB 04-211 District Docket No. IX-02-035E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in May 2002, Ontonya Robinson retained you to represent her in connection with a personal bankruptcy. By that time, Ms. Robinson's house was already the subject of a foreclosure proceeding. Ms. Robinson had received a notice of a sheriff's sale of her house, scheduled for September 11, 2000. On September 6, 2000, you successfully postponed the sale to September 25, 2000. You did not, however, enter the new date on your office diary. As a result, the sale proceeded without any action on your part. You did not notify Ms. Robinson of the rescheduled date and failed to keep her apprised of other developments in the matter, including that the sale had taken place. Your conduct was improper and a violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.4(a).



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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you took quick action to stay the sheriff's delivery of the deed to the mortgagee and that your failure to record the September 25, 2000 sale on your diary was the result of an oversight.

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).

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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