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Jacqueline Jassner Poquette, Esq. One Broadway, Suite 201 Denville, New Jersey 07834

Re:

In the Matter of Jacqueline Jassner Poquette

Docket No. DRB 00-116

CORRECTED LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Poquette:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on January 6, 1998, you made four disbursements from your trust account, totaling \$2,702.36. Because you inadvertently failed to deposit real estate closing proceeds in your trust account to cover those disbursements, you negligently misappropriated client trust funds. In addition, on December 31, 1997, you created a \$2,326.10 trust account shortage through a combination of five disbursements plus the imposition of a bank charge. You made those disbursements relying on your cash and receipts disbursements journal, which erroneously recorded the receipt of a \$3,000 fee from the Jersey City Police Officers Benevolent Association. Your conduct in connection with the above two incidents was unethical and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.15(a). You also failed to maintain client ledger cards and to conduct quarterly trust account reconciliations, in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d) and <u>R.1:21-6</u>.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you accepted responsibility for your wrongdoing and that you took action to remedy your recordkeeping deficiencies. The Board also noted that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1985.

<u>I/M/O Jacqueline Jassner Poquette</u> DRB No. 00-116

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. \underline{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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Robyn/M) Hill

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