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Re: In the Matter of Richard M. Roberts
Docket No. DRB 02-148
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a de novo review of the record, supplemented by oral argument, the Board determined to impose an admonition. Specifically, in your representation of Jesus Duverge in a criminal matter, you failed to provide him with a written retainer agreement in violation of RPC 1.5(b). The remaining charges were dismissed for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1971.

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.

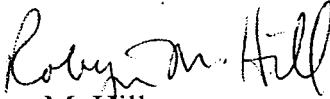
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The Board has also directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,


Robyn M. Hill

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