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Re: In the Matter of Richard M. Thuring
Docket No. DRB 00-086
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Thuring:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, during the course of your representation of Mary Redmond in a workers' compensation matter, you violated N.J.S.A. 34:15-64 and relevant caselaw when you charged your client a \$1,250 fee. By statute, once Ms. Redmond's employer made an unconditional and good faith offer of settlement before the pre-trial hearing or the trial, you were precluded from collecting a legal fee. Thereafter, despite Ms. Redmond's requests, you refused to return her fee. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.5. In addition to imposing an admonition, the Board determined to require you to comply with the unsatisfied conditions of an agreement in lieu of discipline signed on May 1, 1998, specifically paragraphs B1 and B2.

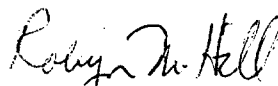
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15 (f) (4).

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.

I/M/O Richard M. Thuring
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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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