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## Certified Mail - R.R.R. and Regular Mail

Alan Zark, Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Alan Zark  
Docket No. DRB 01-421  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Zark:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you were retained by Joelene Guzman to represent her in connection with injuries sustained as a result of a motor vehicle accident that occurred in July 1996. For a seven-month period before March 1999, you failed to keep your client adequately informed about the status of her matter. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of *RPC* 1.4(a). In addition, you did not submit a reply to the grievance until after the formal ethics complaint was filed. Your failure to cooperate with the investigation of this matter violated *RPC* 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that, during a portion of the time in which you represented Ms. Guzman, you were clinically depressed and under psychiatric treatment.

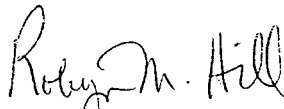
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. *R.* 1:20-15(f)(4).

I/M/O Alan Zark  
DRB 01-421

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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