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Re: In the Matter of John Charles Allen
Docket No. DRB 05-087
District Docket No. VIII-02-052E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in July 2000, you were retained to represent Mabel Arinzeh in a tax sale certificate foreclosure matter. You neglected to advance her claim, however. Although you arranged for publication of a notice of the foreclosure action, you failed to file an affidavit of inquiry or to obtain a court order permitting service by publication. In addition, you submitted to the court a stipulation of dismissal intended to apply to only one defendant, Franklin Township, but the stipulation was not limited and the entire complaint was dismissed. You failed to inform Arinzeh that the complaint was dismissed in its entirety or to reply to her inquiries about the status of the matter. In May 2002, Arinzeh terminated your services, successfully moved pro se to vacate the dismissal, and completed the foreclosure. After representing Arinzeh for almost two years, you failed to advance the foreclosure, accomplishing only the dismissal of the complaint.

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Your conduct in failing to prosecute the foreclosure of the tax sale certificate and to communicate with your client constituted a violation of RPC 1.1(a) and RPC 1.4(a).

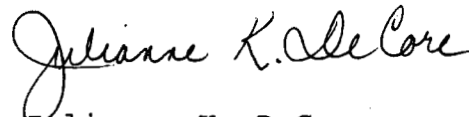
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1995.

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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