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In the Matter of Thomas J. Haggerty
Docket No. DRB 08-029
District Docket No. XII-2006-0007E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Haggerty:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. After a careful review of the record, the Board has determined to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in about 2003, Robert Manderson retained you to represent him in a personal injury matter. Although you filed a complaint, you thereafter lacked diligence in handling the case, a violation of \underline{RPC} 1.3. You also failed to reply to Mr. Manderson's multiple requests for information about the status of the case, a violation of \underline{RPC} 1.4(b). Finally, you failed to cooperate with disciplinary authorities in their ethics investigation, a violation of \underline{RPC} 8.1(b).

In mitigation, the Board considered your claimed "bipolar depression disorder;" your acknowledgement of wrongdoing; the lack of harm to your client, whose matter was placed back on track by subsequent counsel; and the absence of discipline since your admission to the bar more than twenty years ago.

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Your conduct has 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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JKD/sj

c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

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