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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

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RE: In the Matter of April Leslie Katz
Docket No. DRB 06-190
District Docket No. IIA-04-08E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Katz:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. Specifically, in April 2003, you solicited and received a \$1500 loan from a client while you represented him in a matrimonial matter. You received the loan without first advising the client of the desirability of seeking counsel, giving him a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of counsel, and obtaining his consent in writing. Your conduct was improper and in violation of RPC 1.8(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board took into account that (1) the judgment of divorce was entered in September 2002, at which time the purpose of the representation had been largely fulfilled, (2) no new representation was undertaken, (3) after the judgment was entered, a miniscule amount of work was done on the file, and months passed without any time having been billed, (4) the small amount of time that was billed was part and parcel of the original representation, (5) the amount of the loan was small, and (6) you repaid the borrowed funds.

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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 also has 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,



Julianne K. DeCore
Chief Counsel

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