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

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**Re: In the Matter of Robert W. Laveson**  
DRB Docket No. 08-436  
District Docket No. I-2007-0007E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Laveson:

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

Specifically, during the course of the District I Ethics Committee's investigation into whether you had practiced law while ineligible for failure to pay the annual attorney assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, you failed to reply to all of the questions posed by the ethics investigator. Although the investigator ultimately concluded that you had not practiced law during a period of ineligibility and although you had one meeting with the investigator and answered some of his questions, you did not provide him with all of the requested information.

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered the personal and professional problems that beset you at the time, as well as your testimony that you had not received all of the investigator's letters and that you believed that no further information was required from you. Notwithstanding your alleged belief, you had an obligation, under the Rules of Professional Conduct, to cooperate fully with the ethics investigation. Your conduct was improper and a violation of RPC 8.1(b).

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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Chief Justice Stuart J. Rabner  
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