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RE: In the Matter of Wayne D. Lonstein
Docket No. DRB 05-123
District Docket No. VIII-03-036E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Lonstein:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, as of May 2003, you had a longstanding arrangement with a New Jersey attorney for the receipt and forwarding of your business mail, deliveries, and faxes to that attorney's office in Parlin, New Jersey. Your name was not displayed in either the building directory or any other location. Although you occasionally used that office to meet with New Jersey clients, you were not present at that office during regular business hours. In addition, the arrangement did not meet other requirements of the bona fide office rule in effect at the time. Your conduct was improper and in violation of RPC 5.5(a), requiring that an attorney practicing in New Jersey maintain a bona fide office in this State.

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that the current rule no longer requires a New Jersey practitioner to maintain a bona fide office in New Jersey, so long as the attorney has a bona fide office in any state or territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia. You are currently in compliance with the new rule. The Board also noted that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1987.

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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