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RE: In the Matter of Frank J. Shamy
Docket No. DRB 07-346
District Docket No. XIV-03-650E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Shamy:

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, you signed a client's name to a release and had your secretary notarize the signature, in violation of RPC 4.1(a)(1), RPC 5.3(c)(1), and RPC 8.4(c). In addition, you made small, interest-free loans to three clients, without first advising them to consult with independent counsel, in violation of RPC 1.8(a) and RPC 1.8(e).

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board took into consideration your prompt admission of wrongdoing, your remorse, the de minimus nature of the RPC 1.8(a) violation, and your unblemished disciplinary record since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1987. Most significant to the determination of the discipline, however, was the passage of time between the filing of the grievance in 2000 and the disciplinary hearing in 2007.

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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