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Re: **In the Matter of Edania C. Rondon**
Docket No. DRB 09-002
District Docket No. XIV-07-0175E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Ms. Rondon:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 2007, the Office of Attorney Ethics ("OAE") became aware of an overdraft in your trust account, pursuant to a trust account overdraft notification agreement with the Wachovia Bank. The OAE's investigation revealed that you made a mistake on a client ledger card that led to the invasion of other clients' funds. Ultimately, the mistake created a shortage in your trust account that resulted in the negligent misappropriation of client trust funds. In addition, you did not maintain your records in accordance with the recordkeeping rules. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.15(a) and RPC 1.15(d).

Although the typical discipline for negligent misappropriation and recordkeeping violations is a reprimand, compelling mitigating factors may reduce the discipline to an admonition. In re Gemma, 195 N.J. 5 (2008); In re Weston-Rivera, 194 N.J. 511 (2008); and In the Matter of Michael Palmer, DRB 07-382 (March 3, 2008).

In imposing only an admonition in this matter, the Board considered that you have an otherwise unblemished twenty-four-year ethics history; that you fully cooperated with the OAE and reconstructed your records beyond the period that it requested, thereby discovering the source of the overdraft; that no clients were harmed; that you expressed regret for making an error in your records; and that your records are currently in compliance with R. 1:21-6.

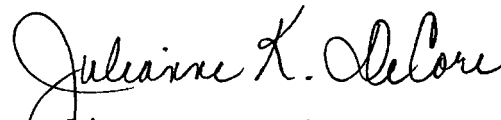
Your conduct has adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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 determined to require you to submit to the OAE, on a quarterly basis, monthly reconciliations of your trust account for a two-year period.

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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c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner
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