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**Re: In the Matter of Peggy O'Dowd**

Docket No. DRB 09-027

District Docket Nos. X-07-038E, X-07-070E, and  
X-06-095E

**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Ms. O'Dowd:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matters and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in the course of your representation of three clients, you did not adequately communicate with them, a violation of RPC 1.4(b). In one of the matters, involving client Anita Kimble, you also lacked diligence in resolving routine matters to complete the administration of the estate, a violation of RPC 1.3. In a third matter, a real estate transaction involving client Jill Polizou, you lacked diligence and exhibited gross neglect, violations of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.1(a). There, you failed to timely pay the condominium management company, to timely file certain documents, and to provide copies of such documents to your client.

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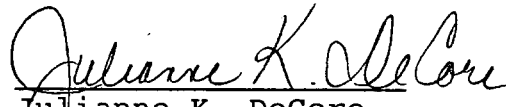
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your personal circumstances at the time of your misconduct, the fact that you ultimately completed the work for which you had been retained, the lack of permanent harm to your clients, and your recognition that you had to close your law practice and seek help from another law firm.

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 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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