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In the Matter of Daniel G. Larkins

Docket No. DRB 09-155

District Docket Nos. VI-2007-032E*
and VI-2007-033

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Larkins:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 2001, you represented Samuel Okoya regarding injuries that he sustained while on a Greyhound bus. You admitted that you allowed a personal injury complaint in the matter to be dismissed through your own gross neglect. You also admitted that, although you had meetings with Okoya about the case, you lost track of his whereabouts, ceased communicating with him, and failed to "fight to keep the case active," violations of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4(b). Additionally, you lost the client file for a time, resulting in your failure to turn over the file upon termination of the representation, a violation of RPC 1.16(d).

* At the ethics hearing, the presenter withdrew the charges in this matter.

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A second matter under District Docket No. VI-2007-032 was withdrawn by the presenter because the grievant had become uncooperative and refused to testify at the DEC hearing. Therefore, the Board made no findings in that matter.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no disciplinary infractions have been sustained against you since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1983, and that you were contending with difficult personal problems at the time of the representation, including your divorce, child custody issues, and the death of your mother.

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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