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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL**

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Re: In the Matter of Joseph C. Lane  
Docket No. DRB 09-196  
District Docket Nos. XIV-2006-0557E & IX-2009-0900E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Lane:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition. Specifically, in September 2000, you represented Raymond Miller in the purchase of two real properties. Following the closings, you failed to promptly record the deeds. You did so about one year later.

Five days before the recording of the deeds, the Internal Revenue Service placed a \$10,000 lien against one of the properties. The lien stemmed from a debt from the prior owner of the property. Without any cost to Mr. Miller, you had the lien removed.


Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect) and RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence).

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,

By   
Julianne K. DeCore  
Chief Counsel

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