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In the Matter of William J. Begley

Docket No. DRB 09-279
District Docket No. XIV-08-213E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Begley:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on October 1, 2006, at the request of Thomas Natale, Jr. ("Natale, Jr."), you witnessed and notarized a real estate deed and affidavit of seller's consideration, transferring property to Natale, Jr. from his parents. The parents were not present to sign the documents and were unaware of the transfer. Your actions amounted to a misrepresentation, a violation of $\underline{\mathtt{RPC}}$ 8.4(c).

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 1972, that you trusted Natale, Jr.'s representation to you that his parents had signed the documents, and that you expressed deep remorse for your actions.

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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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c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

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