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Mr. William Wackowski, Esq. 25 Monument Street, Suite A-2 Freehold, NJ 07728

Re: In the Matter of William E. Wackowski
District Docket No. IIIA-2008-019E
Docket No. DRB 09-212
Letter of Admonition

Dear Mr. Wackowski:

Enclosed please find a corrected admonition letter in the above referenced matter. The prior letter contained an incorrect District Docket No. (IIIA-2007-0006E).

Very truly yours,

Julianne K. DeCore

Chief Counsel

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cc: Chief Justice Stuart J. Rabner (w/encl.)
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CORRECTED LETTER

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Dear Mr. Wackowski:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. Specifically, in June 2005, Bernard Hoffman retained you to represent him in a breach of contract action. In late June 2005, you filed a complaint on Hoffman's behalf.

On July 14, 2006, the court generated a notice administratively dismissing the complaint, apparently in error. Although you telephoned the court after you received the notice of dismissal and were told that the notice had been mistakenly issued, you failed to act diligently in documenting that the dismissal notice had been generated in error and taking steps to ensure that the court's records were adjusted accordingly. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.3. You also failed to promptly inform Hoffman of the dismissal, thereby violating RPC 1.4 (b).

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In addition, as a result of your belief that Hoffman was improperly resisting compliance with your adversary's request for the production of documents, a rift developed between you and Hoffman, leading you to advise him that you could no longer represent him. Yet, you never filed a motion to be relieved as counsel, remaining as counsel of record. Later, when Hoffman requested the return of his file on several occasions, you failed to promptly comply with his requests. Your conduct in this regard violated RPC 1.16(d).

Your conduct 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 also has 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,

Julianne K. DeCore

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