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Re: In the Matter of Robert W. Taylor
Docket No. DRB 09-343
District Docket No. VI-2007-0035E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 2007, you represented Robert Brown in a will contest against his brother Stephen, over their mother's will. Prior thereto you had represented Stephen in legal and accounting matters, at which time you learned information about his finances, real estate holdings, wife's assets and employment, and his relationship with his mother during her lifetime. Because Robert's interests were adverse to Stephen's and you did not obtain their written informed consent for the representation, your conduct violated RPC 1.9(a) and, consequently, RPC 1.16(a)(1).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that the will contest matter was ultimately settled, that there was no evidence that Stephen suffered economic injury from your

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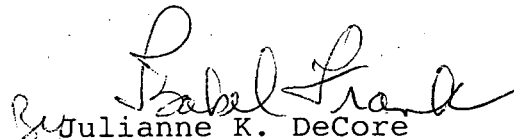
conduct, and that this is virtually the only blemish in your long legal career of forty-five years.

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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