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

Duane T. Phillips  
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Re: In the Matter of Duane T. Phillips  
Docket No. DRB 09-402  
District Docket No. I-08-016E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in 2007, you represented Joanne Vomvas (now Vomvas Clarke) in connection with her Nevada divorce proceedings. Although you are not licensed to practice law in Nevada, your client believed that you were representing her there, rather than merely assisting her to prepare pro se forms. Your retainer agreement, your name on pleadings filed with the Nevada court, your participation in a telephone conference with opposing counsel, and a letter sent on Ms. Vomvas' behalf indicating that you were representing her in the divorce proceedings establish that you engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, a violation of RPC 5.5(a)(1).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your conduct involved only one client, that you have no ethics history, and that it is unlikely that you will repeat this type of conduct.

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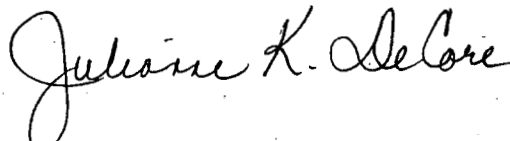
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Your conduct has adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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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