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**In the Matter of Elton John Bozanian**

Docket No. DRB 09-400

District Docket Nos. IIB-2007-0028E and IIB-2007-0029E

**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Bozanian:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in November 2003, you represented Arthur White as attorney-in-fact for his mother, Annie Oberton, with regard to a partition matter. For seven months thereafter, you failed to file virtually completed pleadings given to you by prior counsel. Thereafter, from September 2004 to February 2005, you ignored White's sixteen telephone calls for information about the case. Finally, in February 2005, White terminated the representation and retained new counsel. Your conduct was improper and a violation of RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence) and RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with the client).

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In a second matter, Diane Pittman retained you, in November 2001, to represent her in an action against a used-car dealer. You failed to keep Pittman informed about important aspects of her case and to send her two court orders dismissing the complaint. Your conduct violated RPC 1.4(b). The Board agreed with the DEC that the additional charge that you lacked diligence (RPC 1.3) should be dismissed, in that, once you learned that experts could not establish liability on behalf of the defendant, the dismissals were almost inevitable. The Board, thus, dismissed the RPC 1.3 charge for lack of clear and convincing evidence.


In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have had no final discipline since your 1996 admission to the New Jersey bar, that you refunded the \$1,000 legal fee to Pittman, and that you paid her \$3,000 because you believed that she should recoup the amount offered by the defendant early in the case.

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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