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RE: **In the Matter of Christopher M. Howard**
Docket No. DRB 95-214

Dear Mr. Howard:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, during the course of an ongoing dispute between Timothy Flinn and Christopher O'Neil, shareholders of a corporation, you wrote a letter to Mr. O'Neil in behalf of Mr. Flinn. In that letter, you informed Mr. O'Neil that, if he did not return certain personal property belonging to Mr. Flinn, Mr. Flinn, within five days, pursuant to your instructions, would file a complaint in municipal court for unlawful conversion. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 3.4(g).

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.

I/M/O Christopher M. Howard
July 31, 1995
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The Board has also directed that the cost of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

IF/dm

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