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A. Thomas Palamara, Esq. 571 Central Avenue B 7C15
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RE: <u>In the Matter of A. Thomas Palamara</u>

Docket No. DRB 95-112 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Palamara:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. With the approval of the Supreme Court, the Board has concluded that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for your misconduct.

Specifically, for a period of nine and one-half years, you failed to maintain business and trust account records, as required by $\underline{R}.1:21-6$. In addition, for over four years, you failed to account to the representatives of the <u>Pauline Daab</u> estate or to make distribution of estate funds held in your trust account. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of \underline{RPC} 1.15(d), \underline{RPC} 1.3 and \underline{RPC} 1.15(b).

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. $\underline{R}.1:20-4(f)(2)$.

A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you

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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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Robyn M. Hill

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