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RE: In the Matter of Alan Wasserman  
Docket No. DRB 94-228  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on October 23, 1986 and on April 18, 1988, you or an associate in your office over whom you had direct supervisory authority filed suit against your former clients, Jerome and Margaret Katz, seeking counsel fees of \$89,000 as a result of your representation of the Katzes in civil litigation. Prior to filing the suit, you did not advise the Katzes of their right to request fee arbitration, as required by R. 1:20A-6. Also, you made no attempt to collect on behalf of the Katzes a \$62,000 counsel fee previously awarded by the court in the civil suit. After your suit against the Katzes was dismissed, you filed a second suit for the collection of the fees, this time against the insurance carriers. No notice of the suit was given to the Katzes nor were they named parties. Your action in filing two frivolous suits against your former clients violated RPC 3.1.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your prompt admission of wrongdoing and the absence of any disciplinary infractions since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1975.

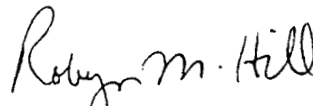
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Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-4(f)(2).

A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you become the subject of any further discipline, it will be taken into consideration.

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

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