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William F. Aranguren
 3142 Kennedy Boulevard
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Re: In the Matter of William F. Aranguren
Docket No. DRB 97-101
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Aranguren:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in connection with your representation of Larry Dickstein, you failed to take appropriate steps to prosecute the action, neglected to keep abreast of the status of the matter after it had been on the list for dismissal for lack of prosecution, failed to follow up on your client's request to determine the status of the case, failed to take steps to have the matter reinstated, and took insufficient steps to turn the file over to the client. Your conduct in this matter was unethical and violative of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4.

In addition, after you obtained a \$30,000 judgment in behalf of John Lasiewski, you retained approximately \$8,000 for the alleged purpose of applying it to other expenses in that matter, as well as counsel fees and expenses in other legal matters in which you represented Mr. Lasiewski. You failed, however, to give Mr. Lasiewski a detailed breakdown of the expenses, fees or other deductions from the proceeds of the judgment. Moreover, although you received the original payment on October 14, 1987, you did not make a distribution to your client until December 1987 and, more significantly, did not make a second distribution until December 1991, some four years later. Your conduct was unethical and violative of RPC 1.15 (b).

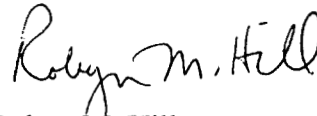
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15 (f) (4).

I/M/O William F. Aranguren
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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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



Robyn M. Hill

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