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**RE: In the Matter of Guy D. Badami
Docket No. DRB 96-489
LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Badami:

Pursuant to R.1:20-10, the Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent filed by the District IX Ethics Committee. After a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, some time in 1990, you were retained by Glen Lalgee to represent him in a personal injury action. Mr. Lalgee was referred to you by another attorney, Jonah Grossman, Esq. At the time of the referral, you agreed that you would forward to Mr. Grossman one-third of any monies recovered in the case to compensate Mr. Grossman for work performed prior to the referral and for advanced costs. In 1993, the case settled for \$210,000. You never notified Mr. Grossman of the settlement or forwarded his share of the fee to him. After Mr. Grossman filed suit against you, a consent order was signed whereby you agreed to pay Mr. Grossman \$24,150 in installments. Nevertheless, as of the date of the formal ethics complaint, October

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19, 1996, you had made no payments to Mr. Grossman. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.15.


In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have now paid in full the \$24,000 and that, at the time of the settlement, you were beset by severe physical and emotional problems, including hospitalization for a collapsed lung and the failure of your marriage.

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.

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

RMH/dm

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