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RE: In the Matter of Cornelius W. Daniel, III
Docket No. DRB 96-394
District Docket No. IX-96-018E
(formerly IX-96-014E)
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Daniel:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in October 1992 you settled a personal injury case in behalf of your client, Patricia Walling, for \$15,000. After the settlement proceeds were deposited into your trust account, you disbursed your client's share of the settlement and your legal fees, leaving certain sums for the payment of Ms. Walling's medical bills and for the satisfaction of an unrelated judgment against her. Notwithstanding your obligation to represent your client's interest diligently, you failed to satisfy all her financial obligations for a period of four years. In fact, at the time of the committee hearing, August 22, 1996, one of the medical bills was still outstanding. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.15(b). In addition, your failure to communicate with your client about the status of her matter violated RPC 1.4(a).

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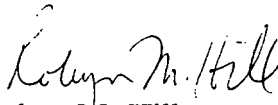
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Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R.1:20-15(f)(4).

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

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