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RE: In the Matter of Seth D. Levine
Docket No. 98-210
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Levine:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on April 28, 1995 you were retained by Charles Cullen to represent him in a matrimonial matter. In or about November 1995, Mr. Cullen retained a new attorney. Thereafter you failed to release your client's file, despite repeated requests by his new attorney. Moreover, although in August 1996 there was a court order requiring you to turn over the file to Mr. Cullen's new counsel, you did not do so until two months later. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.16 (d).


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. Rule 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.

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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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cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz
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