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Re: In the Matter of Scott J. Marum  
Docket No. DRB 97-296  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Marum:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on or about July 29, 1989 you were retained by Robert A. Cunningham to represent him in a civil action for injuries allegedly sustained in an automobile accident. On or about August 9, 1990 you filed a complaint on Mr. Cunningham's behalf. On March 19, 1992 the matter was submitted to arbitration. At the conclusion of the proceeding, Mr. Cunningham was awarded \$14,352.00. Thereafter, neither party moved in timely fashion for either a trial de novo or confirmation of the award. Consequently, on May 6, 1992 the lawsuit was dismissed. You did not notify Mr. Cunningham of the dismissal. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4 (a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that Mr. Cunningham's new counsel was able to vacate the dismissal order and to reinstate the arbitration award, with interest.

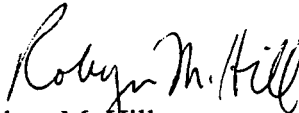
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15 (f) (4).

I/M/O Scott J. Marum  
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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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