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RE: In the Matter of J. Edward Waller
Docket No. 98-171
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Waller:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, although you engaged in the practice of law in New Jersey on a part-time basis, you failed to maintain a business account and disbursement journals and ledger books for the trust account, in violation of R.1:21-6 and RPC 1.15(d). The fact that you performed such legal work on a pro bono basis did not exempt you from the requirements of the recordkeeping rules governing attorneys.

The Board also determined to require you to submit your attorney records to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within six months from this date, for the performance of a compliance audit by that office.

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).

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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 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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