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Re: In the Matter of John L. Weichsel
Docket No. DRB 10-048
District Docket No. VII-2008-023E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Weichsel:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Board may determine to impose) filed by the District VII Ethics Committee ("DEC"), pursuant to R. 1:20-10(b)(1). Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion.

In the Board's view, an admonition is the appropriate measure of discipline for your violation of RPC 1.4(b) (requiring a lawyer to keep a client "reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information"). Specifically, in 2004, you were retained to pursue, on behalf of an incarcerated client, a motion for post-conviction relief ("PCR motion"), which the client had filed in 2002. In this regard, you reviewed the file and met with your client on two occasions. However, after the second meeting, you had no further communication with him, in clear violation of your obligation to keep him reasonably informed about the status of the matter.

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In the Board's view, however, the record did not contain clear and convincing evidence that you either grossly neglected (RPC 1.1(a)) or lacked diligence (RPC 1.3) in the handling of the PCR motion. As stated above, you reviewed the file and met with your client on two occasions. You simply failed to communicate to the client your conclusion that there was no merit to the PCR motion.

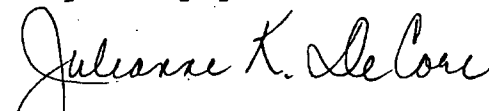
In imposing only an admonition, the Board took into account that, prior to the referral of this matter to the DEC for investigation, you had been practicing law for thirty-five years, without incident.

Your conduct has 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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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