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RE: In the Matter of Ronald M. Thompson
Docket No. DRB 10-148
District Docket No. VB-08-0037E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition), filed by the District VB Ethics Committee in the above matter, pursuant to R. 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in 1996, you filed a lawsuit on behalf of a minor, Eugenia Mozoul (now Eugenia Robert), in connection with her 1991 personal injury matter. Because of her status as a minor, her mother was named as her guardian ad litem. The law suit was dismissed when you failed to serve the defendant. Afterwards, the court denied your motion to restore the case because it was filed more than one year after the dismissal.

In 2000, when Eugenia turned eighteen, you did not file a new lawsuit in her name alone, and did not take any further action in her matter. The statute of limitations on her cause of action expired in 2002, two years after her eighteenth birthday.

You also failed to keep the Mozouls apprised of the status of the case and did not advise them that the case was dismissed, that the motion to restore the complaint was denied, or that Eugenia had two years after reaching the age of majority to file a complaint in her name alone. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.3, and RPC 1.4(b).

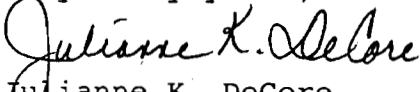
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your prior admonition was imposed twelve years ago and that there were no other aggravating circumstances present.

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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,


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