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December 8, 2010

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Supreme Court of New Jersey  
P.O. Box 970  
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Re: In the Matters of Ronald B. Thompson  
Docket Nos. DRB 10-253 and 10-254

Dear Mr. Neary:

The Disciplinary Review Board determined to censure respondent for his conduct in the above matters. One member voted to censure respondent in 10-253 and impose a reprimand in 10-254. One member recused herself. The Board's determination was based on a recommendation for discipline filed by the District IIIB Ethics Committee.

The parties are hereby advised that, pursuant to R. 1:20-16(b) (enclosed), either respondent or the Office of Attorney Ethics may seek review by filing a notice of petition for review within twenty days of filing of the Board's decision with the Court.

The following documents are enclosed:

**DRB 10-253 (DISTRICT DOCKET NO. IIIB-2009-0012E) and**  
**DRB 10-254 (DISTRICT DOCKET NO. IIIB-2008-0018E)**

1. Decision of the Disciplinary Review Board, dated December 8, 2010.
2. Transcript of the oral argument before the Board, dated October 21, 2010.

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3. Ethics history, dated December 6, 2010, and Client Protection Fund report, dated August 3, 2010, and updated by email (attached).


**DRB 10-253 (DISTRICT DOCKET NO. IIIB-2009-0012E)**

4. Complaint with attachments is Exhibit G-1, dated September 30, 2009, along with Exhibits R-1 and R-2.
5. Answer to complaint, dated November 9, 2009.
6. Transcript of hearing before District IIIB Ethics Committee dated January 29, 2010.
7. Hearing report, dated June 2010.

**DRB 10-254 (DISTRICT DOCKET NO. IIIB-2008-0018E)**

8. Complaint, dated July 7, 2009.
9. Answer to complaint, dated August 18, 2009.
10. Exhibit G-1 through G-5 and R-1 through R-6.
11. Transcript of hearing before the District IIIB Ethics Committee, dated January 29, 2010.
12. Hearing panel report, dated June 11, 2010.

Very truly yours,

  
Julianne K. DeCore  
Chief Counsel

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encls.

c: Louis Pashman, Chair, Disciplinary Review Board  
(w/o encls.)

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