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RE: In the Matter of Marvin Blakely
Docket No. DRB 10-325
District Docket No. VA-2008-0049E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Blakely:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper.

Specifically, in late 2006, when seeking a reduction in child support in your own highly contested post-judgment divorce matter, you set forth estimated income somewhat at variance with an earlier mortgage application for the release of funds to pay back child-support obligations. The Board found no clear and convincing evidence of misconduct on your part for the income estimates. Furthermore, the Board took you at your word that yours was an "optimistic, good faith" estimate of projected earnings for the year. Therefore, the Board dismissed the RPC 3.3(a) and RPC 8.4(b),(c),(d) and (e) charges against you.

You admitted, however, in your initial reply to the grievance, that, after your ex-wife filed the grievance in this matter, you ignored numerous letters from the district ethics committee seeking information about the matter. Your lack of

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cooperation forced ethics authorities to obtain information from other sources, including the probation department, your ex-wife's former attorney, and your mortgage company. Your lack of cooperation in this regard was considerable and a violation of RPC 8.1(b).

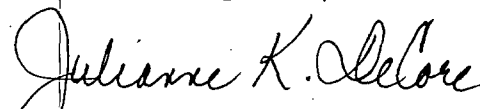
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that no ethics infractions have been sustained against you since your 1985 admission to the bar.

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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