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Re: In the Matter of John K. Park

Docket No. DRB 10-333
District Docket No. IIA-2008-0019E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Park:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition.

Specifically, on June 8, 2005, you represented Juong Lim Kim and her husband, Jong Soo Kim, in the purchase of property in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. You did not maintain appropriate trust account records in connection with the transaction. Not only did you fail to reflect the source of all funds deposited in connection with the purchase, but the funds for the transaction were not deposited in a New Jersey trust account, as required by R. 1:21-6(a). Your conduct was improper and a violation of RPC 1.15(d).

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you inadvertently deposited the funds into your New York trust account, which was maintained in the same bank used for your New Jersey trust account.

The Board refrained from ruling on the issue of the reasonableness of the fee charged for the transaction, given that the proper forum for fee matters is a fee arbitration committee.

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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