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RE: In the Matter of Barry S. Block

Docket No. DRB 11-372

District Docket No. XIII-2009-0028E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Block:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition), filed by the District XIII 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, on August 23, 2005, Lorraine Cappo retained you to represent her regarding a landlord/tenant dispute. After filing a complaint in 2006, you failed to serve it or take other action to pursue your client's claim. In so doing, you lacked diligence, a violation of RPC 1.3. In addition, although you wrote three letters to the landlord and/or his attorney early in the case, you failed to provide Cappo with copies of the letters and to return numerous telephone inquiries from Cappo for information about the matter, a violation of RPC 1.4(b).

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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).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered, in mitigation, that you have had no discipline since your 1979 admission to the New Jersey bar.

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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