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Re: <u>In the Matters of Raymond Armour</u>

Docket Nos. DRB 11-451, 11-452, and 11-453 District Docket Nos. VA-2009-0044E, VA-2009-0049E, and VA-2009-0051E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Armour:

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

Specifically, in each of the individual client matters, you represented the client in a personal injury action, on a contingency fee basis. During the course of your representation, you failed to keep your clients apprised of the status of their matters and were non-responsive to their attempts to communicate with you, a violation of RPC 1.4(b). Moreover, prior to settling each of their cases, you did not explain to them that a certain amount of the settlement monies would be withheld for the payment of medical expenses, a violation of RPC 1.4(c).

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Finally, you did not promptly notify any of the clients of your receipt of the settlement funds and did not promptly disburse their portion of the proceeds to them, a violation of RPC 1.15(b).

imposing only an admonition, the Board took consideration that your conduct occurred during the timeframe, that your medical condition required you to work abbreviated hours at the time, that you have since taken appropriate action to improve your office procedures to keep your clients adequately informed, and that you have increased the amount of time that you spend in the office. In addition, no clients suffered any harm as a result of your transgressions and you have an unblemished disciplinary history since your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1994.

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.

also directed that the costs The Board has disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Julianne K. DeCore

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