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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

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RE: In the Matter of Morris J. Kurzrok
Docket No. DRB 12-145
District Docket No. XIV-2011-0517E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Kurzrok:

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, with conditions.

Specifically, an August 30, 2010 audit of your attorney records conducted by the Office of Attorney Ethics ("OAE"), revealed several recordkeeping deficiencies, of which you were notified. After you submitted a certification to the OAE about the correction of those deficiencies, the OAE informed you that the certification was incomplete in some respects. The OAE requested that you provide a new certification within two weeks of May 6, 2011. You did not do so within the stated deadline. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.15(d) and RPC 8.1(b).

In mitigation, the Board considered that certain economic factors and new legislation caused changes in the nature of your practice and that, consequently, you infrequently utilized your trust account; that your secretary and bookkeeper of twenty-two years retired in 2010; that you were unfamiliar with the day-to-day management of your trust account and unclear as to your recordkeeping and trust account management responsibilities; that you now understand your recordkeeping and trust account responsibilities; that you have taken appropriate steps toward correcting the noted deficiencies; and that you have accepted full responsibility and expressed remorse for your transgressions.

Although the Board is aware that you received an admonition in 1995, the Board noted that it was unrelated to the present violations and too remote in time to warrant discipline greater than an admonition in this matter. In order to ensure that your records are in full compliance with the provisions of R. 1:21-6, however, the Board determined to require you to provide to the OAE, on a quarterly basis and for a period of two years, monthly reconciliations of your attorney records, certified by an accountant approved by the OAE.

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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