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

Joseph Mezrahi, Esq. 449 Quentin Road Brooklyn, New York 11223-2007

Re: <u>In the Matter of Joseph Mezrahi</u>

Docket No. DRB 12-265

District Docket No. IIIA-2011-0012E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Mezrahi:

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 eight to ten occasions, you authored legal documents for your clients, typically <u>pro</u> <u>forma</u> answers, without revealing your involvement to the courts. You received payment for your efforts from approximately half of those clients. You were unaware that "ghostwriting" is not allowed in New Jersey, except under specific circumstances, set out in <u>Advisory Committee on Professional Ethics</u> Opinion 713, 191 <u>N.J.L.J.</u> 302 (January 28, 2008). Your conduct was unethical and in violation of <u>RPC</u> 3.3(a)(5), <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d).

In addition, you were responsible for a website that failed to disclose the name of the firm or an individual attorney, in violation of the directives of Committee on Attornery I/M/O Joseph Mezrahi, DRB 12-265
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Advertising Opinion 32, 180 N.J.L.J. 654 (2005). You testified that, when the problem with the website was brought to your attention, it was corrected. The Board found that this violation was de minimis and, thus, not worthy of discipline.

The Board dismissed the remaining charged violations of the RPCs for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

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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c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

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