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Re: In the Matter of Richard D. Koppenaal
Docket No. DRB 13-164
District Docket Nos. IIB-2012-0007E and
IIB-2012-0008E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Koppenaal:

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, in 2009 and 2010, you admittedly failed to cooperate with the district ethics committee's attempts to obtain information from you about your 2008 representation of James Bordes in an expungement matter. Your failure to reply to the committee constituted a violation of RPC 8.1(b).

The Board dismissed the remaining charges against you for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have had no other final discipline since your 1983 admission to the New Jersey Bar.


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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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