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

A. Bret Steig, Esq.
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Re: In the Matter of A. B. Steig a/k/a A. Bret Steig
Docket No. DRB 13-127
District Docket No. VC-2012-0033E
Letter of Admonition

Dear Mr. Steig:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Board shall deem warranted), filed by the District VC Ethics Committee (DEC) 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, in 2011, you undertook the representation of Andrew Montana, whom you had not regularly represented, in a landlord-tenant dispute. However, you did not provide Mr. Montana with a writing, setting forth the basis or rate of the fee, either before or within a reasonable time after commencing the representation, a violation of RPC 1.5(b).

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).


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The Board is aware that, in 2011, you received an admonition for negligent misappropriation of client funds. The Board noted, however, that the conduct in this matter was unrelated to the infraction in that matter and, therefore, was not an indication of a failure to learn from your prior mistakes.

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,


Isabel Frank
Acting Chief Counsel

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