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Re: **In the Matter of Myron D. Milch**
Docket No. DRB 11-110
District Docket No. IIB-09-041E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Milch:

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 April 2008, an Illinois attorney, Robert Churchill, contacted you about representing Mary Neis in connection with her possible interest in cemetery plots in New Jersey. Although you agreed to represent Neis, you informed Churchill that your upcoming knee surgery, in May 2008, would delay the representation. You then collected a \$2,500 retainer, but did not memorialize the rate or basis of your fee, as required by RPC 1.5(b).

In June 2008, Churchill inquired about the status of the case and was informed of your medical condition, namely, rehabilitation following your surgery, inability to concentrate

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because of pain medication, and the development of "restless leg syndrome," a condition that interfered with your ability to sleep. Thereafter, you did not reply to Churchill's additional inquiries for an update.

Although, in September 2008, Churchill requested the return of the retainer and of the file, you refunded the \$2,500 only after the filing of the grievance against you, in December 2009. You did not return the file, which was allegedly lost during an office move.

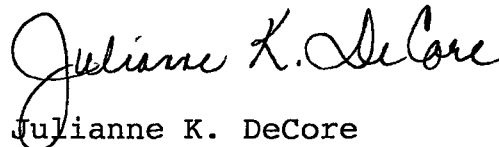
Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4(b), RPC 1.5(a), and RPC 8.4(a). In imposing only an admonition, the Board took into account your previously unblemished career of over forty years and your medical problems at the time.

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,



Julianne K. DeCore
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