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

Harold J. Pareti, Esq.  
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Re: **In the Matter of Harold J. Pareti**  
Docket No. DRB 09-028  
District Docket No. XI-07-033E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Pareti:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, from July 2005 through March 2007, you held yourself out as an attorney licensed to practice law in New Jersey. You maintained a law office in Toms River, entered into a partnership with a New Jersey attorney, and performed numerous real estate closings. Your actions were based on your mistaken belief that you had passed the February 2005 New Jersey bar examination. That belief was reinforced by your receipt of a letter asking you to provide certain information to complete your admission process. You learned that you had not been admitted to the bar in the fall of 2006, when you inquired about the skills and methods courses. Your actions violated RPC 5.5(a).

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In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your lack of intent to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, the Board considered your unblemished thirty-six years as a member of the District of Columbia bar.

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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