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Re: <u>In the Matter of James David Lloyd</u>

Docket No. DRB 14-087
District Docket No. XII-2012-0054E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

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, from September 26, 2011 through November 5, 2012, you were ineligible to practice law for failure to pay the annual attorney assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (the Fund). During your period of ineligibility, you practiced law by handling three client matters: a 2010 matrimonial matter that concluded in 2012; a 2011 commercial litigation matter; and a 2012 appeal. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 5.5(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that, while transitioning from a legal career to a career as a youth minister, you overlooked the payments to the Fund and inadvertently practiced law during the ineligibility period; that the three matters that you handled were for the benefit of friends or

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acquaintances; that, when you learned of your ineligibility, you took prompt action to become eligible; and that you have not been the subject of discipline, since your 1996 admission to the New Jersey 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,

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