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Andrew Kevin Murray
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Re: In the Matter of Andrew Kevin Murray

Docket No. DRB 11-145

District Docket No. XIV-10-435E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Murray:

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, on August 30, 2010, Bank of America notified the Office of Attorney Ethics of an August 25, 2010 overdraft in the amount of \$1,293.55 in your trust account sub-account for client Matthew Schapiro. The overdraft stemmed from an August 14, 2007 wire transfer of \$3,500 from Schapiro's sub-account. Because the wire transfer was not recorded on your "trust computer," it not recorded in Schapiro's was Thus, you thought you were holding \$3,500 more in transactions. your Schapiro sub-account than you actually had. On August 25,

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2010, your trust account check in the amount of \$2,000 cleared the Schapiro sub-account, creating a \$1,293.55 shortage in the account.

You stipulated that you failed to identify and correct the shortage for over three years, thereby negligently misappropriating other client trust funds, a violation of  $\underline{RPC}$  1.15(a). You further stipulated that your failure to reconcile your attorney trust account on a monthly basis prevented you from timely identifying and correcting the shortage, a violation of  $\underline{R.}$  1:21-6, and  $\underline{RPC}$  1.15(d).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that, based on your history with Bank of America, you believed that there had been a bank error and that you were not actually out of trust. The Board also considered that you have replenished the account and that you have no history of discipline.

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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