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Harold J. Pareti, Esq.
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Re: In the Matter of Harold J. Pareti
Docket No. DRB 09-301
District Docket No. XI-2008-0027E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Pareti:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or lesser discipline), filed by the District XI Ethics Committee. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, you represented Laurie Crapanzano in the sale of real property in Beachwood, New Jersey, and in her simultaneous purchase of property in Toms River, New Jersey. Although both transactions occurred in November 2006, the deed for the Toms River property was not filed and various management company fees were not paid until late February 2007. In addition, various fees associated with a Florida timeshare, which were to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the Beachwood property, were not paid until late March 2007, after the threat of a lien.

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Following the closing and during the time that Crapanzano was receiving dunning notices from the management company for the Toms River property and for the Florida timeshare, she was unable to locate you. Your conduct in the Crapanzano matter was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4(a).

The Board dismissed the alleged violation of RPC 1.1(b) as improperly charged. The Board also dismissed the allegation that you violated RPC 5.5(a), for which you have been previously disciplined.

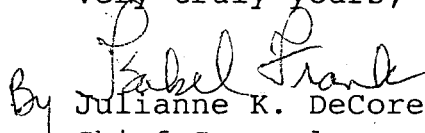
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your lengthy unblemished history as a member of the District of Columbia bar. The Board did not consider your prior admonition as an aggravating factor because your representation of Crapanzano predated the Board's decision in that case.

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,


By Julianne K. DeCore
Chief Counsel

JKD/sj

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- Associate Justices
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