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Re: <u>In the Matter of Dan A. Druz</u>

Docket No. DRB 10-404

District Docket No. XIV-10-108E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Druz:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you were the subject of an Office of Attorney Ethics' random audit of your attorney books and records. The audit revealed that, during the audit period, May 2007 to May 2009, you commingled personal and client funds in your trust account, routinely using the account for business and personal transactions. In addition, there were a number of deficiencies in your recordkeeping. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.15(a), RPC 1.15(d), and R. 1:21-6.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have no history of discipline since your admission to the bar, in 1981.

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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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