

DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LOUIS PASHMAN, ESQ. CHAIR
BONNIE C. FROST, ESQ., VICE-CHAIR
EDNA Y. BAUGH, ESQ.
MATTHEW P. BOYLAN, ESQ.
JEANNE DOREMUS
RUTH JEAN LOLLA
HON. REGINALD STANTON
SPENCER V. WISSINGER, III



RICHARD J. HUGHES JUSTICE COMPLEX
P.O. BOX 962
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0962
(609) 292-1011

JULIANNE K. DECORE
CHIEF COUNSEL
ISABEL FRANK
DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL
ELLEN A. BRODSKY
FIRST ASSISTANT COUNSEL
LILLIAN LEWIN
DONA S. SEROTA-TECHNER
COLIN T. TAMS
KATHRYN ANNE WINTERLE
ASSISTANT COUNSEL

April 17, 2008

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

Stephen D. Kinnard, Esq.
REDACTED - CONFIDENTIAL

RE: In the Matter of Stephen D. Kinnard
Docket No. DRB 07-410
District Docket No. XIV-2006-0600E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Kinnard:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the motion for discipline by consent filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) in the above matter, pursuant to R. 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition.

Specifically, between the summer of 2006 and May 2007, you practiced law at a time when you were on the Supreme Court's list of ineligible attorneys, for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection ("the Fund").

I/M/O Steven D. Kinnard

Docket No. DRB 07-410

Page Two

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you cooperated fully with the OAE's investigation, and that, in 2006, you attempted to pay the annual assessment, but that your check to the Fund was returned because some checks that you had deposited into your account had not cleared. Thereafter, your dire financial circumstances prevented you from paying the Fund until May 2007, when you obtained a loan from a friend.

Your conduct 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
Chief Counsel

JKD/LL/tk

c. Chief Justice Stuart Rabner
Associate Justices
Stephen W. Townsend, Clerk
Supreme Court of New Jersey
Gail G. Haney, Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court of New Jersey (w/ethics history)
Louis Pashman, Chair
Disciplinary Review Board
David E. Johnson, Jr., Director
Office of Attorney Ethics