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September 30, 2013  
Corrected March 16, 2015<sup>1</sup>

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

Robert A. Ungvary  
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**Re: In the Matter of Robert A. Ungvary**  
Docket No. DRB 13-099  
District Docket No. XII-2010-0044E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Ungvary:

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, in 2003, you represented Omar Mohammed in a civil rights action. Because of your failure to comply with discovery, the complaint was dismissed. You then filed a motion to vacate the default, which was denied. A subsequent appeal was dismissed for your failure to timely prosecute it. Not only did you not discuss your decision not to pursue the appeal with your client, but you also failed to inform him of the dismissal of the appeal. Your conduct was unethical and a violation of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4(b), and RPC 1.4(c). The Board dismissed the remaining charges for lack of clear and convincing evidence.

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<sup>1</sup>The letter is corrected to reflect respondent's status as a pro se attorney, notwithstanding the information previously provided to the Disciplinary Review Board that he was represented by counsel.

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Although the Board was aware that you have been previously admonished, the Board noted that your conduct in this matter predated the conduct that led to that admonition. The Board also considered that Mohammed and his family continued to utilize your legal services, despite the events that took place in the civil rights matter.

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,



Ellen A. Brodsky  
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