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Lawrence Callegari

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RE: In the Matter of Lawrence Callegari  
Docket No. DRB 05-326  
District Docket No. XIV-05-426E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Callegari:

The Disciplinary Review Board reviewed the recommendation for discipline filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics in the above matter. The Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and determined to impose an admonition.

Specifically, in seven real estate matters conducted between 1996 and 2002, you negligently misappropriated client funds totaling over \$100,000, when making disbursements in the subject transactions. Your actions violated RPC 1.15(a).

Thereafter, the misappropriations went undiscovered because you had failed, during those and several other years, to prepare monthly reconciliations of your trust account, violations of RPC 1.15(d) and R. 1:21-6. In addition, you deposited personal funds into the trust account in order to prevent shortfalls, a violation of RPC 1.15(a).

Finally, you stipulated that your misconduct amounted to gross neglect, pattern of neglect, and lack of diligence in several of the matters, violations of RPC 1.1(a), RPC 1.1(b) and RPC 1.3, respectively.

In issuing only an admonition, the Board considered your twelve years at the bar without prior discipline, the fact that you took steps to rectify your errors in these matters as they were brought to your attention, and your cooperation with ethics authorities.

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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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c: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz  
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