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RE: In the Matter of Michael A. Zindler
Docket No. DRB 04-423
District Docket No. IIIB-04-005E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Zindler:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you procured releases from your clients, the Truesdells, for malpractice claims that they may have had against you, without regard to the provisions of RPC 1.8(h)(2), which states that a lawyer shall not:

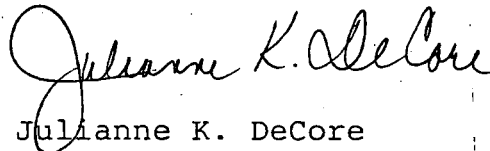
settle a claim or potential claim for such liability with an unrepresented client or former client unless that person is advised in writing of the desirability of seeking and is given a reasonable opportunity to seek the advise [sic] of independent legal counsel in connection therewith.

Your actions were in contravention of RPC 1.8(h) (2). In issuing only an admonition, the Board considered your near forty years at the bar without prior discipline.

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. Rule 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 cost of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.


Julianne K. DeCore

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