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Jean D. Larosiliere

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Re: In the Matter of Jean D. Larosiliere
Docket No. DRB 02-128
District Docket No. VA-99-087E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Larosiliere:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on or about September 6, 1997, your law firm, Larosiliere & Associates, P.A., was retained by Gail Vinchiarello to represent her in connection with a medical malpractice claim against Jersey Shore Medical Center. By failing to take even minimal action towards investigating and evaluating the matter or deciding whether to initiate litigation, you failed to act with reasonable diligence, in violation of RPC 1.3. You also failed to keep Vinchiarello reasonably informed about the status of her matter, in violation of RPC 1.4(a). Furthermore, you allowed the name of a non-attorney (a law school graduate) to appear on your letterhead in a manner indicating that he was a licensed lawyer and also allowed a lawyer licensed in California, but not in New Jersey, to sign several letters on the firm's letterhead with the designation "Esq." after the attorney's name. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 5.3(a) and (b). In mitigation of the latter conduct, the Board considered that the letterhead indicated that the attorney was a member of the California bar only.

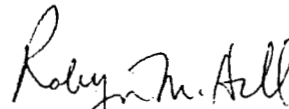
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Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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 affidavit of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,


Robyn M. Hill

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