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Grafton Edgar Beckles, II

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Re: In the Matter of Grafton Edgar Beckles, II
Docket No. DRB 01-395
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Beckles:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in August 1999 the Office of Attorney Ethics requested that you reply to an ethics grievance filed against you. You failed to comply with the Office of Attorney Ethics' request for information about the grievance. In March 2000, a formal ethics complaint was filed against you. Notwithstanding your obligation to file an answer within twenty-one days following service of the complaint, you did not file an answer until May 17, 2000. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of *RPC 8.1(b)*.


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.

I/M/O Grafton Edgar Beckles, II
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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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