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W. Randolph Kraft

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Re: In the Matter of W. Randolph Kraft
Docket No. DRB 01-051
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Kraft:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in or about April 1998, you were retained by John G. Scheider to represent him in connection with a medical malpractice claim. Although you timely filed a complaint, you failed to prosecute the case diligently and to communicate with your client. The lack of communication included failure to notify him that the complaint had been dismissed for lack of prosecution. Also, you took no steps to restore the case to the active trial calendar. Your conduct violated RPC 1.3 and RPC 1.4(a).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that at the time you were beset by illness in your family and by a personal divorce action that included a custody dispute.

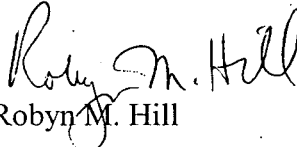
Your conduct adversely reflected not only upon you as an attorney, but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board has directed the issuance of this admonition to you. R. 1:20-15(f)(4).

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 W. Randolph Kraft
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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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