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## CERTIFIED MAIL – R.R.R. and REGULAR MAIL

Wesley S. Rowniewski, Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Wesley S. Rowniewski  
Docket No. DRB 01-335  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Rowniewski:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your November 5, 2001 motion to vacate the default in this matter. Because you failed to provide a valid reason for not replying to the complaint and did not set forth a meritorious defense to the charges against you, the Board unanimously determined to deny your motion.

In reviewing your conduct in the underlying matter, the Board has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, you failed to comply with the Office of Attorney Ethics' letters requesting a reply to the grievance. Moreover, you failed to file a timely answer to the complaint in this matter, causing it to be treated as a default. Your conduct was unethical and violated 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).

In the Matter of Wesley S. Rowniewski

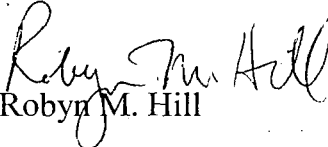
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A permanent record of this occurrence has been filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Board's office. Should you become the subject of any further discipline, it will be taken into consideration.

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

RMH/LL/ns

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