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Re: In the Matter of Jerald D. Baranoff
Docket No. DRB 00-258
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Baranoff:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on May 19, 1997, you appeared at an administrative hearing at the Office of Administrative Law on behalf of the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center. At the time, you were ineligible to practice law for failure to pay the annual assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 5.5(a). In addition, when the Office of Attorney Ethics sent you two letters requesting an explanation for your conduct, you failed to reply in writing to that office's requests for information. Your conduct was improper and in violation of RPC 8.1(b).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your admission of wrongdoing and your steps to bring the payments with the Fund current.


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).

I/M/O Jerald D. Baranoff
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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

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