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Re: In the Matter of Scott M. Wood
Docket No. DRB 98-462
District Docket No. IX-97-031E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Wood:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in early 1994 you were retained by Diane Carmen to represent her in a divorce action. During the next several months, a property settlement agreement was prepared and signed. The agreement provided that a complaint for divorce would be filed in September 1995, upon expiration of the eighteen-month period for no-fault divorce. Despite your duty to keep your client reasonably informed about the status of her matter, you failed to communicate with her or to comply with her requests for information about the progress of the case. Even after your client contacted the bar association because of her inability to speak to you, you neglected your responsibilities to keep her informed about her matter. Your conduct was unethical and violated RPC 1.4 (a).

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. Rule 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 cost 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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