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Re: In the Matter of George T. Daggett Docket No. DRB 98-441 LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Daggett:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, in March 1996 you were retained by Thomas A. Cassidy to represent him in connection with an appeal of a suspension of his employment with the New Jersey Department of Corrections. Although you had not represented Mr. Cassidy before, you did not prepare a written retainer agreement. Your conduct was improper and violated <u>RPC</u> 1.5 (b).

Under certain circumstances the Board may find that failure to prepare a written retainer agreement, without more, is a technical violation not warranting discipline. In imposing an admonition in this matter, however, the Board took into consideration that you received a private reprimand in 1988 and an admonition in 1997.

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. <u>R</u>. 1:20-15 (f) (4).

I/M/O George T. Daggett DRB 98-441

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,

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