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## CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

Donald R. Stemmer, Esq.  
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Re: In the Matter of Donald B. Stemmer  
Docket No. DRB 98-394  
District Docket No. IV-98-011E  
**LETTER OF ADMONITION**

Dear Mr. Stemmer:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was unethical. With the approval of the Supreme Court, the Board has concluded that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for your misconduct.

Specifically, in the course of the District IV Ethics Committee's investigation of a grievance filed against you by police officer Ronald M. Morello, you failed to cooperate with the disciplinary authorities by not replying to the grievance. Your conduct was unethical and in violation of RPC 8.1(b). Although the Supreme Court concluded that an admonition was sufficient discipline in this matter, it directed that you be forewarned that any future similar conduct will result in more severe discipline.

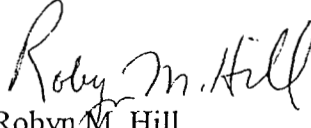
Your conduct reflected not only upon you as an attorney but also upon all members of the bar. Accordingly, the Board, as authorized by Order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey dated March 7, 2000, has directed the issuance of this letter of admonition to you. R. 1:20-4(f)(2).

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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

/gv

cc: Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz  
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