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Re: In the Matter of Jeffrey E. Jenkins
Docket No. DRB 97-384
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Specifically, on or about February 19, 1991 you filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition on behalf of Cynthia and Allen Hundley, husband and wife. On October 11, 1994, you learned that, after experiencing marital difficulties, each party had retained separate matrimonial counsel.

During the course of the bankruptcy proceeding, Mrs. Hundley indicated to the judge that she wanted an execution on her husband's wages to make him comply with the bankruptcy plan payments. Because Mr. Hundley was not in court at the time, the judge adjourned a hearing on that issue to June 1, 1994. On the date of the hearing, at which you appeared with grievant, the bankruptcy judge ordered that a wage execution be issued to Mr. Hundley's employer. You prepared the order and by cover letter directed it to Mr. Hundley's employer.

After Mr. Hundley learned about the order, he consulted with you. At that time, you advised Mr. Hundley that, under the bankruptcy code, he had a right to convert his portion of the case to a Chapter 7 proceeding (liquidation). Mr. Hundley opted for this conversion and you agreed to prepare the necessary paperwork. You also prepared a letter to Mr. Hundley's employer, which had the effect of directing the employer to disregard the bankruptcy court's order of wage execution. Although the filing of the pleadings to convert Mr. Hundley's portion of the case to a Chapter 7 proceeding would eliminate the employer's obligation to execute Mr. Hundley's wages, you did not file the required pleadings for several months, until you received the required fee from Mr. Hundley.

I/M/O Jeffrey E. Jenkins

Ultimately, Mrs. Hundley discharged you from representing her, a decision that was confirmed by a court order.

Your conduct in this matter was unethical and violative of RPC 1.7, in that you simultaneously represented clients with conflicting interests. Because of the matrimonial proceeding, Mr. and Mrs. Hundley's interests were no longer common. Yet you continued to represent both of them in the bankruptcy proceeding, at times advancing the interests of one client while compromising the interests of the other. Pursuant to RPC 1.7, you had an obligation to disclose the circumstances of the simultaneous representation to your clients and to obtain their consent to the continued representation or, more properly, withdraw from the representation of both.

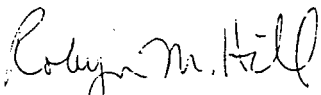
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that your actions were not malicious and that they did not represent a pattern of improper conduct. The Board also noted your cooperation with the disciplinary authorities and the absence of prior ethics infractions since the date of your admission to the New Jersey bar in 1984.

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).

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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