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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R. & REGULAR MAIL

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Re: In the Matter of Jonathan A. Goodman
Docket No. DRB 16-436
District Docket No. VB-2014-0006E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Goodman:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed your conduct in the above matter and has concluded that it was improper. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to impose an admonition.

According to a March 3, 2016 stipulation between you and the District VB Ethics Committee (DEC), you continued to practice law after your name was placed on the list of attorneys ineligible to practice law for failure to file annual IOLTA registration statements during two periods of ineligibility.

Specifically, on February 19, 2014, a Superior Court judge referred you to ethics authorities, alleging that you had appeared before him on January 29, 2014, after your name appeared on the list of ineligible attorneys, on October 28, 2013, for noncompliance with the 2013 IOLTA reporting requirements. At that court hearing, the judge brought the issue to your attention. On that same date, you traveled to IOLTA offices, where IOLTA

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personnel processed your registration form and removed your name from the ineligible list. Although the stipulation does not state that you practiced law on other dates between October 28, 2013 and January 29, 2014 (the second ineligibility period), you admitted in your answer that you had done so.

A DEC investigation further revealed that, on November 5, 2008 and October 26, 2009, by Order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, your name was placed on the list of ineligible attorneys for noncompliance with IOLTA reporting requirements. You stipulated that you continued to practice law during this first period of ineligibility. On July 9, 2010, IOLTA personnel processed your registration form and removed your name from the ineligible list.

In mitigation, the Board considered that: (1) you have no prior discipline in over forty years at the bar; (2) no clients were harmed by your actions; (3) you were unaware of your ineligibility due to problems with your mail and inattentiveness on your part, following health issues of your own and your parents; (4) you took immediate corrective action the very day you became aware of your ineligibility; (5) you have put systems in place in your office and at home to ensure that you do not lose future mail; (6) you earnestly promised to comply with IOLTA in the future; and (7) you stipulated to the within ethics misconduct, thereby saving disciplinary resources.

Your conduct has 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 invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,



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C: See Attached

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