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July 25, 2017

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

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Re: <u>In the Matter of Vincent J. Gaughan</u>

Docket No. DRB 17-165

District Docket No. IIIB-2016-0009E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Gaughan:

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.

Specifically, you admitted that you continued to practice law from October 22, 2012 through April 22, 2013, after the Court declared you ineligible to practice law for failure to file an annual IOLTA registration statement. During that time, you represented Pamela Wahl in her domestic relations matter.

In aggravation, the Board considered that you received a prior admonition on July 2, 2015, based on your failure to cooperate with an ethics investigation into three matters. In mitigation, you were unaware of your ineligibility when you handled the Wahl matter, immediately filed the IOLTA statement upon hearing of your ineligibility, and stipulated to the within misconduct, thereby saving disciplinary resources.

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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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