## DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

## **OF THE**

## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

BONNIE C. FROST, ESQ., CHAIR BRUCE W. CLARK, ESQ., VICE-CHAIR PETER J. BOYER, ESQ. HON. MAURICE J. GALLIPOLI THOMAS J. HOBERMAN REGINA WAYNES JOSEPH, ESQ. EILEEN RIVERA ANNE C. SINGER, ESQ. ROBERT C. ZMIRICH



RICHARD J. HUGHES JUSTICE COMPLEX P.O. BOX 962 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0962 (609) 815-2920 ELLEN A. BRODSKY CHIEF COUNSEL

PAULA T. GRANUZZO DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL

MELISSA ÜRBAN FIRST ASSISTANT COUNSEL

TIMOTHY M. ELLIS
LILLIAN LEWIN
BARRY R. PETERSEN, JR.
COLIN T. TAMS
KATHRYN ANNE WINTERLE
ASSISTANT COUNSEL

November 21, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL, R.R.R.; REGULAR MAIL; AND E-MAIL

Dean Maglione, Esq. c/o Raymond S. Londa, Esq. Londa & Londa 277 North Broad Street Elizabeth, N.J. 07208 Lynmal1@aol.com

RE: In the Matter of Dean Maglione

Docket No. DRB 18-299

District Docket No. VA-2017-0017E

LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Maglione:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (admonition or reprimand), filed by the District VA Ethics Committee in the above matter, pursuant to  $\underline{R}$ . 1:20-10. Following a review of the record, the Board determined to grant the motion and to impose an admonition for your violation of  $\underline{RPC}$  8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Specifically, in April 2015, you filed a lawsuit in behalf of your client, Edward Hogan, for injuries he had sustained in an accident. The grievant, Dr. Kevin Holton, had provided chiropractic treatment to Mr. Hogan in connection with the accident in which your client sustained his injuries. On conclusion of the case, you and your client were not able to settle Dr. Holton's outstanding medical bill, resulting in litigation among you, your client, and Dr. Holton.

I/M/O Dean Maglione, DRB 18-299 November 21, 2018 Page 2 of 3

During the course of that litigation, Dr. Holton filed an ethics grievance against you. Subsequently, all parties settled their respective claims against each other via a mutual release and dismissal. You prepared a settlement agreement incidental thereto, which essentially required Dr. Holton to withdraw the grievance he had filed against you, "in exchange for mutual dismissals." The parties executed the release and a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice was subsequently filed with the Superior Court.

The Board determined that, by inserting language in the settlement agreement requiring Dr. Holton to withdraw his grievance against you in return for mutual releases, you violated <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d). <u>See also A.C.P.E. Opinion 721</u>, 204 N.J.L.J. 928 (June 27, 2011).

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you readily admitted your misconduct and that you have enjoyed an unblemished ethics history since your admission to the bar eighteen years ago.

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. Rule 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 cost of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Ellen A. Brodsky

Chief Counsel

EAB/paa See Attached List

## I/M/O Dean Maglione, DRB 18-299

November 21, 2018

Page 3 of 3

c: Chief Justice Stuart Rabner

Associate Justices

Mark Neary, Clerk

Supreme Court of New Jersey

Gail G. Haney, Deputy Clerk

Supreme Court of New Jersey (w/ethics history)

Bonnie C. Frost, Chair, Disciplinary Review Board (via e-mail)

Charles Centinaro, Director

Office of Attorney Ethics (via e-mail)

John C. Garde, Chair

District VA Ethics Committee (via e-mail)

Natalie Watson, Secretary

District VA Ethics Committee (via e-mail and regular mail)

Geri Albin, Presenter

District VA Ethics Committee (via e-mail)

Dr. Kevin J. Holton, Grievant (via regular mail)