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Re: In the Matter of A. Randall Drisgula
Docket No. 19-010
District Docket No. XIV-2017-0723E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Drisgula:

The Disciplinary Review Board has reviewed the motion for discipline by consent (reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Board deems appropriate) filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics (OAE) in the above matter, pursuant to 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 RPC 1.15(a).

Specifically, you represented your former secretary in the sale of her property. In connection with the sale, on March 28, 2017, the parties executed an escrow agreement that provided that (1) you would hold \$5,000 in escrow pending the resolution of repairs to a pool heater and, any balance remaining after the repairs were completed would be disbursed to the seller; and (2) you would hold \$750 in your trust account to be paid to the purchasers if the seller did not remove her personal property the following day.

Because the issue with the pool heater could not be resolved, the buyers' attorney filed a complaint against your client. In the interim, you were closing your law office and relocating to South Carolina. Your client, who was acting pro se in the buyers' lawsuit, requested that you release the entire escrow to her, assuring you that she would pay any judgment "out of pocket." Based on that representation, without obtaining the buyers' consent or notifying the buyers' attorney, you disbursed the escrow to your client. Your conduct was

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unethical and violated RPC 1.15(a) (failure to safeguard funds). The Board determined to dismiss the violation of RPC 1.15(c) (failure to keep separate funds in which the attorney and a third party claim an interest), because the dispute was between the seller and the buyers, not you.

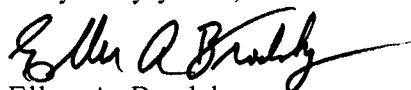
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you have no public discipline in your forty-seven years at the bar, that you have retired from the practice of law, and that you have relocated to South Carolina.

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 cost 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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