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Re: In the Matter of John O. Poindexter, III
Docket No. DRB 19-414
District Docket No. XIV-2016-0719E
LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Poindexter:

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 for your violation of RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with a client); RPC 1.5(b) (failure to set forth in writing the basis or rate of the legal fee); RPC 1.8(a) (improper business transaction with a client); and RPC 1.15(d) (recordkeeping).

Specifically, Russell Johns retained you to represent his family members in a foreclosure matter. In your amended answer, you admitted that you violated RPC 1.4(b) by failing to communicate with these clients regarding material developments in the foreclosure matter; RPC 1.5(b) by failing to provide these clients a writing setting forth the basis or rate of your fee; and RPC 1.8(a) by entering into a \$30,000 loan transaction with Johns and failing to adhere to the safeguards that Rule requires. Finally, based on the findings of a random audit performed by the Office of Attorney Ethics, you admitted that you violated RPC 1.15(d) in various respects.

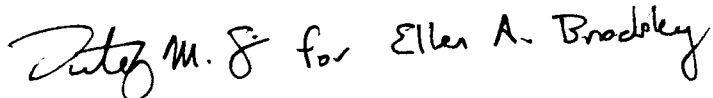
In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered that you promptly took responsibility for your misconduct, which appears to be an isolated incident. The Board accorded significant weight to your lengthy, unblemished legal career of more than forty years.

Your conduct has adversely reflected not only on you as an attorney but also on 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, this admonition will be taken into consideration.

The Board also has directed that the costs of the disciplinary proceedings be assessed against you. An invoice of costs will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Ellen A. Brodsky in cursive, with the text "for Ellen A. Brodsky" written next to it.

Ellen A. Brodsky
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