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VIA CERTIFIED, REGULAR, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: <u>In the Matter of Anthony R. Cambria</u> Docket No. DRB 23-234 District Docket No. XIV-2022-0406E LETTER OF ADMONITION

Dear Mr. Cambria:

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 <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d).

Specifically, on March 17, 2022, the Office of Attorney Ethics (the OAE) performed a random compliance audit of your financial records, which revealed multiple recordkeeping deficiencies, in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d). These deficiencies included your failure to maintain fully descriptive client ledger cards; inactive client fund balances held in your attorney trust account (ATA); failure to maintain individual ledger cards for each client; unidentified client

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funds held in ATA; improper ATA designations on bank statements, checks, and deposit slips; failure to conduct monthly three-way reconciliations; failure to maintain ATA receipts and disbursements journals; failure to maintain attorney business account (ABA) receipts and disbursements journals; failure to maintain records for seven years; and improper image-processed ABA checks.

Following that audit, you provided to the OAE proof of your corrective actions and your ongoing compliance with <u>R</u>. 1:21-6. You also admitted to having violated <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d) by failing to maintain your records and books in accordance with the recordkeeping requirements of <u>R</u>. 1:21-6.

In imposing only an admonition, the Board considered your lack of formal discipline in thirty years at the bar; your full cooperation with the OAE's investigation; your expressed remorse; your prompt remediation of all deficiencies identified in the audit, to the OAE's satisfaction; and your acceptance of responsibility, which conserved disciplinary resources.

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. <u>R.</u> 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,

/s/ Timothy M. Ellis

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