NOTICE TO THE BAR

Re: Defaults Scheduled for Review by the Disciplinary Review Board

The following matters have been certified to the Disciplinary Review Board as defaults, in accordance with \underline{R} . 1:20-4(f):

In the Matter of Daniel G. Larkins
Docket No. DRB 12-323
District Docket No. VB-2010-0018E

In the Matter of Eric S. Lentz
Docket no. DRB 12-338
District Docket No. XIV-2011-0425E

In the Matter of Samuel Rak
Docket No. DRB 12-352
District Docket No. XIV-2011-0429E

In the Matter of Hamdi M. Rifai
Docket No. DRB 12-366
District Docket Nos. XIV-2011-0430E & XIV-2011-0658E

In the Matter of Sharon S. Terrell Docket No. DRB 12-367
District Docket No. XIV-2011-0426E

In the Matter of Sergio Rafael Pastor Docket No. DRB 12-395 District Docket No. XII-2010-0007E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, February 21, 2013. R. 1:20-4(f) provides that attorney-respondent's failure to timely file an answer "shall be deemed an admission that the allegations of the complaint are true and . . . provide sufficient basis for the imposition of discipline." Although chances for a successful motion are limited, a motion to vacate the default may be by filed with the Board by no later than February 4, 2013. MOTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. The motion should specify why the attorney-respondent failed to file a timely answer (including lack of notice) and should set forth any claimed meritorious defenses to the ethics charge. motion must also be simultaneously served on the Director of the Office of Attorney Ethics and, where appropriate, the district ethics committee responsible for the underlying ethics matter. A certification regarding that service must accompany documents filed with the Board.

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Respondents are hereby advised that, generally, in a default matter, the discipline is enhanced to reflect a respondent's failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities as an aggravating factor. In re Kivler, 193 N.J. 332, 338 (2008).

Respondents may communicate with the Board by contacting the Office of Board Counsel at:

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Dated: 1/14/2013

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