

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 R. 1:20-4(f):

In the Matter of Michael David Halbfish

Docket No. DRB 14-146

District Docket Nos. VIII-2013-0042E;  
VIII-2013-0043E and VIII-2013-0045E

In the Matters of Arnold M. Abramowitz

Docket No. DRB 14-150

District Docket Nos. VB-2013-0008E  
and VB-2013-0009E

In the Matter of Adam S. Pribula

Docket No. DRB 14-153

District Docket Nos. XA-2013-0019E  
and XA-2013-0021E

In the Matter of Adam Kenneth Block

Docket No. DRB 14-159

District Docket No. XII-2013-0040E

In the Matter of John F. Hamill, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 14-179

District Docket No. VI-2014-0006E

In the Matter of John F. Hamill, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 14-199

District Docket Nos. XIV-2013-0062E  
and XIV-2013-0117E

In the Matter of Richard C. Klein

Docket No. DRB 14-184

District Docket No. IV-2013-0042E

In the Matter of Arthur E. Swidler

Docket No. DRB 14-190

District Docket No. XIV-2013-0073E

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In the Matter of Marc Z. Palfy

Docket No. DRB 14-191

District Docket No. XIV-2013-0322E

In the Matter of Robert M. Vreeland

Docket No. DRB 14-195

District Docket No. XIV-2013-0012E

In the Matter of Edward A. MacDuffie, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 14-196

District Docket No. XIV-2013-0364E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, September 18, 2014**. R. 1:20-4(f) provides that an 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 filed with the Board **by no later than August 18, 2014. 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. The 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 any documents filed with the Board.

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: 8/11/14

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