

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 Peter Jonathan Cresci

Docket Nos. DRB 18-124 and 18-196

District Docket Nos. XIV-2016-0749E, XIV-2017-0586E, XIV-2017-0587E, XIV-2017-0588E, and XIV-2017-0589E

In the Matter of Robert J. Bernot

Docket no. DRB 18-190

District Docket No. XII-2017-0004E

In the Matter of Paul Speziale

Docket No. DRB 18-194

District Docket No. XIV-2017-0233E

In the Matter of Christopher Roy Higgins

Docket No. DRB 18-195

District Docket No. VIII-2017-0027E

In the Matter of John Charles Allen

Docket No. DRB 18-199

District Docket Nos. XIV-2016-0521E and XIV-2017-0301E

In the Matter of Kendal Coleman

Docket No. DRB 18-211

District Docket No. XIV-2017-0299E

In the Matter of Alexander Thomas Caiola

Docket No. DRB 18-217

District Docket No. XIV-2014-0578E

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These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, September 20, 2018**. 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 23, 2018. 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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