

NOTICE TO THE BAR

**DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW
BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023**

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 Laura M. Rys

Docket No. DRB 23-163

District Docket No. XIV-2021-0295E

In the Matter of Harry Furman

Docket No. DRB 23-175

District Docket Nos. I-2022-0005E and I-2022-0006E

In the Matter of Marcel R. Wurms

Docket No. DRB 23-179

District Docket No. XIV-2020-0471E

In the Matter of Michael A. Gorokhovich

Docket No. DRB 23-180

District Docket No. XIV-2022-0080E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, October 19, 2023**. 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 **September 18, 2023**. 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: August 28, 2023

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