

## **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 John Charles Allen**

Docket No. DRB 21-126  
District Docket No. VIII-2020-0033E

**In the Matter of Michael R. Shapiro**

Docket No. DRB 21-127  
District Docket No. XIV-2020-0372E

**In the Matter of Joel S. Ziegler**

Docket No. DRB 21-128  
District Docket No. XIV-2020-0378E

**In the Matter of Darryl M. Saunders**

Docket No. DRB 21-131  
District Docket No. XIV-2020-0371E

**In the Matter of George R. Saponaro**

Docket No. DRB 21-132  
District Docket No. XIV-2020-0370E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, September 23, 2021**. 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 25, 2021**. 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).

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

P.O. Box 962, Trenton, NJ 08625, Telephone: 609-815-2920

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Johanna Barba Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Dated: July 22, 2021

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Johanna Barba Jones  
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Disciplinary Review Board