

ORDER

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 Eugene M. LaVergne Docket No. DRB 02-446
In the Matter of Anthony C. Nwaka Docket No. DRB 02-428
In the Matter of Joseph Poveromo Docket No. DRB 02-465
In the Matter of Joseph Poveromo Docket No. DRB 02-466
In the Matter of J. Stephen Woodside Docket No. DRB 02-429

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, February 6, 2003. 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 January 27, 2003. 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 may communicate with the Board by contacting the Office of Board Counsel at:

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Dated: January 13, 2003
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