

NOTICE TO THE BAR

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 Barbara H. Dupre Docket No. DRB 03-324

In the Matter of Paul Paskey Docket No. DRB 03-308

In the Matter of Samuel Mandel Docket No. DRB 03-301

In the Matter of Daniel D. Hediger Docket No. DRB 03-342

In the Matter of Richard H. Kress Docket No. DRB 03-351

In the Matter of Steven T. Kearns Docket No. DRB 03-347

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, November 20, 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 November 10, 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: October 27, 2003 Julianne K. DeCore Acting Chief Counsel Disciplinary Review Board