

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 Wilfrid LeBlanc, Jr.
Docket Nos. DRB 04-396, 04-403, 04-404
District Docket Nos. XII-03-028E, XII-04-021E, XII-04-026E

In the Matter of Daniel D. Hediger
Docket No. DRB 04-412, District Docket No. IIA-03-014E

In the Matter of Joseph Poveromo
Docket No. DRB 04-394, District Docket No. IIA-03-022E

In the Matter of Larry J. McClure
Docket No. DRB 04-395, District Docket No. IIB-03-020E

In the Matter of Daniel Ellis
Docket No. DRB 04-429, District Docket No. XIV-03-040E

In the Matter of Robert J. Handfuss
Docket No. DRB 04-430, District Docket No. IX-03-033E

In the Matter of Gerald M. Lynch
Docket No. DRB 04-439, District Docket No. VIII-04-003E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, January 20, 2005. 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 10, 2005. 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:

P.O. Box 962, Trenton, NJ 08625, Telephone: 609-292-1012

Dated: December 23, 2004

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