

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 No. DRB 07-039

District Docket No. XII-05-049E

In the Matter of Arthur E. Swidler

Docket No. DRB 07-031

District Docket No. VII-06-009E

In the Matter of Harry E. Franks, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 07-028

District Docket No. I-06-024E

In the Matter of Avery C. Pilgrim

Docket No. DRB 07-027

District Docket No. XIV-05-352E

In the Matter of Donald V. Romaniello

Docket No. DRB 07-014

District Docket No. XIV-05-320E (IIA-00-005E)

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, March 15, 2007**. 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 March 5, 2007. 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: February 16, 2007

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