

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 Joseph J. Dochney
Docket No. DRB 09-067
District Docket No. IIIA-2008-0029E

In the Matter of Melvin A. Duke
Docket no. DRB 09-099
District Docket No. VB-2008-0006E

In the Matter of Richard W. Banas
Docket No. DRB 09-139
District Docket Nos. X-2006-084E and X-2007-046E

In the Matter of Nancy I. Oxfeld
Docket No. DRB 09-152
District Docket No. VB-2006-0010E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, July 16, 2009**. 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 by filed with the Board **by no later than July 6, 2009. 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: June 22, 2009

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