

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 Ben W. Payton

Docket No. DRB 14-072

District Docket No. XII-2013-0026E

In the Matter of Maria A. Yelland

Docket No. DRB 14-079

District Docket No. VII-2013-0014E

In the Matter of Maria A. Yelland

Docket No. DRB 14-080

District Docket No. VII-2013-0015E

In the Matter of Maria A. Yelland

Docket No. DRB 14-081

District Docket No. VII-2013-0031E

In the Matter of Steven E. Savage

Docket No. DRB 14-051

District Docket No. XIV-2013-0306E

In the Matter of Steven E. Savage

Docket No. DRB 14-109

District Docket No. IX-2012-0035E

In the Matter of Neil Lawrence Gross

Docket No. DRB 14-027

District Docket Nos. XIV-2012-0663;

XIV-2013-0321E and XIV-2013-0338E

In the Matter of Neil Lawrence Gross

Docket No. DRB 14-112

District Docket Nos. XB-2012-0010E and

XB-2012-0025E

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These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, June 19, 2014**. 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 June 4, 2014. 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 are hereby advised that, generally, in a default matter, the discipline is enhanced to reflect a respondent's failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities as an aggravating factor. In re Kivler, 193 N.J. 332, 338 (2008).

Respondents may communicate with the Board by contacting the Office of Board Counsel at:

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Dated: 5/12/14

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