

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 Matters of Stephanie Julia Brown

Docket Nos. DRB 20-210, 20-252, 20-270, 20-279, and 20-327

District Docket Nos. IV-2018-0058E, IV-2017-0019E, XIV-2019-0444E, XIV-2018-0395E, and IV-2019-0052E

In the Matter of Albert Lancellotti

Docket No. DRB 20-248

District Docket No. XIV-2019-0355E

In the Matter of Laurence H. Olive

Docket No. DRB 20-250

District Docket No. VC-2019-0005E

In the Matter of Frances Ann Hartman

Docket No. DRB 20-254

District Docket No. IIIB-2019-0012E

In the Matter of William M. Witherspoon

Docket No. DRB 20-266

District Docket No. IIIA-2019-0006E

In the Matter of Frederick J. Kalma

Docket No. DRB 20-267

District Docket No. IX-2019-0016E

In the Matter of Richard Joseph Vapnar

Docket No. DRB 20-269

District Docket No. XIV-2019-0303E

In the Matter of Susan A. Lowden

Docket No. DRB 20-271

District Docket No. XIV-2019-0446E

In the Matter of Nabil Nadim Kassem

Docket No. DRB 20-321

District Docket No. XI-2019-0011E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, January 21, 2021. 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

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motion are limited, a motion to vacate the default may be filed with the Board by no later than **December 22, 2020**. 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: November 30, 2020

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