

NOTICE TO THE BAR
DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW
BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

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 John Anthony Feloney, IV

Docket No. DRB 22-179

District Docket No. VIII-2021-0022E

In the Matter of William Timothy Howes

Docket No. DRB 22-187

District Docket No. XIV-2021-0107E

In the Matter of John Charles Allen

Docket No. DRB 22-190

District Docket No. VIII-2021-0021E

In the Matter of Walter K. Abrams

Docket No. DRB 22-198

District Docket No. XIV-2020-0168E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, January 19, 2023**. 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 **December 12, 2022**. 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 21, 2022

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