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# DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

The following matters have been certified to the Disciplinary Review Board as defaults, in accordance with  $\underline{R}$ . 1:20-4(f):

### In the Matter of Alan N. Walkow

Docket No. DRB 23-062 District Docket No. XIV-2021-0273E

#### In the Matter of John Charles Allen

Docket No. DRB 23-069 District Docket No. VIII-2021-0015E

## In the Matter of Robert James Stack

Docket No. DRB 23-073 District Docket No. XB-2021-0013E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Wednesday, May 24, 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 April 17, 2023. 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

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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

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Dated: March 27, 2023

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