

NOTICE TO THE BAR

DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

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 Janet C. Navarro

Docket No. DRB 25-176

District Docket No. XIV-2024-0407E

In the Matter of Chadwick L. Hooker

Docket No. DRB 25-177

District Docket Nos. XIV-2024-0403E, XIV-2024-0452E,
and XIV-2024-0498E

In the Matter of Chadwick L. Hooker

Docket No. DRB 25-178

District Docket No. XIV-2024-0486E

In the Matter of Michael C. Mone

Docket No. DRB 25-192

District Docket No. XIV-2024-0226E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**. 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 **September 22, 2025**. MOTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. The motion should (1) specify why the

attorney-respondent failed to file a timely answer (including lack of notice), and (2) set forth any claimed meritorious defenses to the ethics charges. The motion also must 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.

Respondent is 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).

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

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Dated: September 15, 2025

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