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# DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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 Jaclyn Nayar

Docket No. DRB 25-270 District Docket No. VB-2025-0001E

#### In the Matter of Michael R. Speck

Docket No. DRB 25-295 District Docket Nos. XIV-2024-0377E and XIV-2024-0433E

### In the Matter of David M. Schlachter

Docket No. DRB 25-311 District Docket No. XIV-2022-0232E

## In the Matter of Michael C. Mone

Docket No. DRB 25-316 District Docket No. XIV-2025-0124E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, February 19, 2026. R. 1:20-4(f) provides that an attorney-respondent's failure to timely file a conforming 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 January 20, 2026. MOTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. The motion should (1) specify why

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the attorney-respondent failed to file a timely, conforming 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

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Dated: December 30, 2025

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Disciplinary Review Board