

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 Matter of Eugenia Ruiz-Uribe

Docket No. DRB 19-132

District Docket No. VA-2016-0031E

In the Matter of Susan Lowden

Docket no. DRB 19-137

District Docket No. IV-2018-0018E

In the Matter of Audin Levasseur

Docket No. DRB 19-138

District Docket No. XIV-2018-0154E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, June 20, 2019. 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 May 23, 2019. 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).

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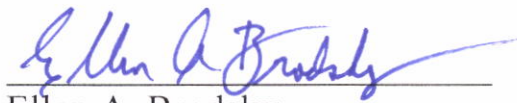
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Scheduled: June 20, 2019

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

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Dated: April 29, 2019



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