

NOTICE TO THE BAR

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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 Thomas Benitz Docket No. DRB 00-098

In the Matter of Thomas M. Brown Docket No. DRB 00-067

In the Matter of Eric Goodman Docket No. DRB 00-079

In the Matter of Donald J. Pappa, Jr. Docket No. DRB 00-066

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, May 11, 2000.

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 Default may be filed with the Board prior to the scheduled review. That 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 charges.

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

P.O. Box 962, Trenton, NJ 08625, Telephone: 609-292-1012

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