

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 Joseph Ricigliano, Jr.

Docket No. DRB 19-038

District Docket No. VIII-2018-0003E

In the Matter of Stephanie Julia Brown

Docket no. DRB 19-039

District Docket No. IV-2017-0048E

In the Matters of Christopher Roy Higgins

Docket No. DRB 19-040

District Docket No. VIII-2017-0064E

In the Matter of Talia Gayle Danon

Docket No. DRB 19-042

District Docket No. XII-2018-0001E

In the Matter of James D. Brady

Docket No. DRB 19-043

District Docket No. XIV-2017-0474E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, April 18, 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 March 21, 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.

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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 of Board Counsel at:

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Dated: February 22, 2019



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