

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 Anthony C. Nwaka Docket No. DRB 04-323
In the Matter of Samuel A. Malat Docket No. DRB 04-333
In the Matter of Samuel A. Malat Docket No. DRB 04-334
In the Matter of Merri R. Lane Docket No. DRB 04-335
In the Matter of Ana Lisa Ventura Docket No. DRB 04-349
In the Matter of Russell G. Cheek Docket No. DRB 04-348
In the Matter of A. Kenneth Weiner Docket No. DRB 04-356
In the Matter of Patricia L. Johnson Docket No. DRB 04-354
In the Matter of Stephen D. Landfield Docket No. DRB 04-365
In the Matter of Stephen D. Landfield Docket No. DRB 04-366
In the Matter of Stephen D. Landfield Docket No. DRB 04-367
In the Matter of Daniel Ellis Docket No. DRB 04-371

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on Thursday, November 18, 2004. 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 November 8, 2004. **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 may communicate with the Board by contacting the Office of Board Counsel at:
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Dated: October 25, 2004
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