

**NOTICE TO THE BAR**

**DEFAULTS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW  
BY THE DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD  
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026**

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 Andrew William Dwyer**

Docket No. DRB 26-084

District Docket No. VB-2025-0006E

**In the Matter of Andrew William Dwyer**

Docket No. DRB 26-155

District Docket No. XIV-2022-0218E

**In the Matter of Richard Harris Preston**

Docket No. DRB 26-129

District Docket No. VIII-2025-0009E

**In the Matter of Ibrahim Ahmed**

Docket No. DRB 26-130

District Docket No. VIII-2024-0030E

**In the Matter of David M. Schlachter**

Docket No. DRB 26-132

District Docket Nos. XIV-2022-0122E and XIV-2023-0386E

**In the Matter of Frances Ann Hartman**

Docket No. DRB 26-160

District Docket No. XIV-2025-0572E

These matters are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on **Thursday, July 23, 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 **June 22, 2026**. MOTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD. The motion should (1) specify why 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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