

**Private Admonition -- Board Case No. 10, 1990. Date of Sanction: June 21, 1990.** A panel of the Preliminary Review Committee of the Board on Professional Responsibility approved the offer of a private admonition to a Delaware attorney for violation of **DLRPC 1.3** (obligation to act with reasonable diligence) and **DLRPC 1.4(a)** (duty to keep a client reasonably informed). Multiple client complaints were made to the effect that the attorney regularly refused to accept or return telephone calls. In addition, the attorney failed to communicate the outcome of a proceeding or to forward a copy of the court's opinion to a client in a timely manner. The panel emphatically rejected the attorney's argument that there was a relationship between the amount of fees paid by the client and the attorney's obligation to communicate with that client.