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Andrea J. Larry, Esquire c/o Rachelle S. Young, Esquire 1300 Pennsylvania, N.W. Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

> Re: Andrea J. Larry Disciplinary Docket No. 2017-D151 D.C. Bar Membership No. 463015

Dear Ms. Larry:

This office has completed its investigation of the above-referenced matter. We find that your conduct reflected a disregard of certain ethical standards under the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct (the Rules). We are, therefore, issuing you this Informal Admonition pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 3, 6, and 8.

You were involved in an incident on an Amtrak train that led to your removal from the train and your arrest. When you returned to your job, you sent an email to your supervisor that minimized your misconduct and did not forthrightly and honestly disclose the circumstances that led to your arrest and the behavior that occurred after your arrest.

We find that you violated Rule 8.4(c) (dishonesty). While it may have been embarrassing to disclose the specifics of what occurred on the train and what occurred after your arrest, attorneys may not be dishonest affirmatively or by omission. See In re Shorter, 570 A.2d 760, 767 (D.C. 1990).

In deciding to issue this letter of Informal Admonition rather than institute formal disciplinary charges against you, we have taken into consideration that you took this matter seriously, cooperated with our investigation, have no prior disciplinary history and have accepted responsibility for your misconduct, including by accepting this Informal Admonition.

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This letter constitutes an Informal Admonition for your violation of the Rules, pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 3, 6, and 8 and is public when issued. Please refer to the Attachment to this letter of Informal Admonition for a statement of its effect and your right to have it vacated and have a formal hearing before a Hearing Committee.

If you would like to have a formal hearing, you must submit a written request for a hearing within 14 days of the date of this letter to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, with a copy to the Board on Professional Responsibility, unless Disciplinary Counsel grants an extension of time. If you request a hearing, this Informal Admonition will be vacated, and Disciplinary Counsel will institute formal charges pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 8 (b). The case will then be assigned to a Hearing Committee and a hearing will be scheduled by the Executive Attorney for the Board on Professional Responsibility pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 8 (c). Such a hearing could result in a recommendation to dismiss the charges against you or a recommendation for a finding of culpability, in which case the sanction recommended by the Hearing Committee is not limited to an Informal Admonition.

Sincerely,

Hamilton P. Fox, III Disciplinary Counsel

Encl.: Attachment to Letter of Informal Admonition

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