## **ADMONITION NO. 20-08**

## **CLASSIFICATION:**

No Written Fee Arrangement [Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.5(b)(1)]

## **SUMMARY:**

In 2018, the respondent agreed to represent a client in his sale of a rental property. The client agreed to pay the respondent a fee at the end of the representation based on the respondent's hourly billing rate and any expenses that he advanced in the matter. The respondent failed, however, to communicate in writing the scope of this representation and the basis or rate of his fee at the inception of the engagement or any time thereafter. By failing to do so, the respondent violated Mass. R. Prof. C. 1.5(b)(1).

The respondent was admitted to practice in Massachusetts in 1997 and has no prior record of discipline. He received an admonition for his misconduct.