SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-118 September Term 2007

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SAUL A. BERKMAN, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW (Attorney No. 001451974) :

IN THE MATTER OF

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 07-281, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-14(a)(A)(E), **SAUL A. BERKMAN** of **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1974, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months based on discipline imposed in the state of New York for conduct that in New Jersey violates <u>RPC</u> 1.1(a)(gross neglect), <u>RPC</u> 1.3(lack of diligence), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And the Court having determined from its review of the matter that a nine-month suspension from practice is the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical

conduct; a cause appearing; And

It SORDERED that SAUL A. BERKMAN is suspended from the practice of law for a period of nine months, effective July 14, 2008, and Matthe the further Order of the Court; and it is further ORDERED that respondent comply with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent files proof of compliance; (2) be found to constitute a violation of <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:10-2; and it is further

ORDERED that the entire record of this matter be made a permanent part of respondent's file as an attorney at law of this State; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 11th day of June, 2008.

THE SUPREME COURT

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

