SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-66 September Term 2011 069792

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 11-250, concluding that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-13(c), **NEIL H. BRAUNSTEIN** of **FANWOOD**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1995, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year based on respondent's conviction in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, to third-degree attempted criminal coercion by an official, conduct that violates <u>RPC</u> 8.4(b) (commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on an attorney's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer);

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IN THE MATTER OF

NEIL H. BRAUNSTEIN,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 031821994)

And respondent having been ordered to show cause why he should be not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **NEIL H. BRAUNSTEIN** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent shall submit proof of his fitness to practice law as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 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 RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to Rule 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 8th day of May, 2012.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

THE SUPREME COURT

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