SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-1 September Term 2012 071541

IN THE MATTER OF

EUGENE M. LaVERGNE,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

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ORDER

(Attorney No. 009331990)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 12-087, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to $\underline{\text{Rule}}$ 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent), that EUGENE M. LaVERGNE, formerly of EATONTOWN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1990, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since January 27, 2011, be disbarred for his unethical conduct in multiple client matters, including violations of \underline{RPC} 1.1(a)(gross neglect), \underline{RPC} 1.3(lack of diligence), RPC 1.5(a) (charging excessive fees), RPC 1.15(a)(knowing misappropriation of client trust funds), \underline{RPC} 1.16(d)(failure to return client files on termination of representation), \underline{RPC} 3.3(a)(1)(lack of candor towards a tribunal), $\underline{\text{RPC}}$ 4.4(a)(lack of respect for the rights of third persons), \underline{RPC} 5.5(a) (practicing law while suspended), \underline{RPC} 7.1(a)(1)(2) (making false or misleading communications concerning a lawyer's services), \underline{RPC} 8.1(a)(knowingly making false statements to disciplinary authorities) \underline{RPC} 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), $\underline{\text{RPC}}$ 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), $\underline{\mathtt{RPC}}$ 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and for violating the principles of $\underline{\text{In re Wilson}}$, 81 $\underline{\text{N.J.}}$. 451 (1979)

and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985);

And **EUGENE M. Lavergne** having failed to appear on the order directing him to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **EUGENE M. Lavergne** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that **EUGENE M. LaVERGNE** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with $\underline{\text{Rule}}\ 1:20-20$ dealing with disbarred attorneys; 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 5th day of November, 2012.

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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