IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT A. FRANCO,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 013491989)

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ORDER

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 12-053, 12-054, 12-055 and 12-056, concluding that ROBERT A. FRANCO of MORRISTOWN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1989, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.5(d) (commingling of funds and charging a non-refundable retainer), RPC 1.7(a) (conflict of interest), RPC 1.8(a) (impermissible business transaction with client), RPC 1.15(d) and Rule 1:21-6 (recordkeeping violations), and good cause appearing;

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It is ORDERED that **ROBERT A. FRANCO** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, and until the further Order of the Court, effective January 4, 2013; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with $\underline{\text{Rule}}$ 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to $\underline{\text{Rule }}$ 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of $\underline{\text{Rule }}$ 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 $\underline{\text{Rule}}\ 1:20-17$.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 4th day of December, 2012.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

The foregoing is a inua copy of the original or, the in my office.

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