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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-187 September Term 1995

IN THE MATTER OF

RICHARD L. BERNSTEIN,

ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

The Disciplinary Review Board on May 1, 1996, having filed with the Court its decision concluding that RICHARD L. BERNSTEIN of WESTFIELD, 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 for violation of RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) (failure to communicate), RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate wit ethics authorities) and RPC 8.4(a) and (c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that RICHARD L. BERNSTEIN is hereby suspended from practice for a period of three months, effective immediately, and until the further Order of the Court; 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 be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of his suspension and that he comply with Rule 1:20-20; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Alan B. Handler, Presiding Justice, at Trenton, this 13th day of June, 1996.

Clerk of the Supreme Court

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY