SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-153 September Term 1990

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed a report with the Court, recommending that DWAYNE C. VAUGHN of STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1981, be publicly reprimanded for failing to provide a final, formal accounting of funds held for a client, when requested, in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.15(b), for taking legal fees and costs without actual notice to and specific authorization by the client in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.15(c), for failing to act with due diligence in three matters (<u>Farmer</u>, <u>Thurman</u>, and <u>Wright</u>) in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.3, for failing to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters in <u>Farmer</u>, <u>Thurman</u>, and <u>Wright</u> and <u>Popick</u>, in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.4(a), for displaying a pattern of neglect in those matters in violation of <u>RPC</u> 1.1(b), for failing to reply to the ethics committee investigator's letters and to file an answer to an ethics complaint in violation of RPC 8.1(b);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having concluded that certain mitigating factors were shown; to wit: the narrow time frame within which respondent's aberrational negligence occurred, respondent's attitude toward the practice of law at the time of his lapses, and respondent's candor, contrition and remorse for said events; And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that the report and recommendation of the Disciplinary Review are adopted and DWAYNE C. VAUGHN is hereby publicly reprimanded; 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 shall reimburse the Ethics Financial Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred int eh prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Robert N. Wilentz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 30th day of April, 1991.

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