SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-40 September Term 1998

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IN THE MATTER OF HOWARD J. HOFFMANN, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision concluding that HOWARD J. HOFFMANN of WEST NEW YORK, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1976, and who was suspended from practice for a period of three months effective February 8, 1999, and who remains suspended at this time, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.1 (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4 (failure to communicate), and RPC 1.16(d) (failure to protect client interests on termination of representation), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **HOWARD J. HOFFMANN** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; 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 suspension and that respondent comply with <u>Rule</u> 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 Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 7th day of March, 2000.

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

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT .