SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-82 September Term 2009 065686

IN THE MATTER OF

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PHIL H. LEONE,

JUN 02 2010

ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 012191977)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 09-340, recommending that **PHIL H. LEONE** of **MIDDLETOWN**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1977, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.15(a) (commingling of personal funds with client trust funds), RPC 1.15(d) and Rule 1:21-6(a) (recordkeeping violations), RPC 5.5(a) (1) (practicing law while ineligible to do so), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and the principles of In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979) and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985) by his knowing misappropriation of client and escrow funds;

And PHIL H. LEONE having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **PHIL H. LEONE** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that PHIL E. LEONE be and hereby is permanently

restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by PHIL H. LEONE pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court; who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending the further Order of this 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 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 1st day of June, 2010.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT _
OF NEW JERSEY