SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-86 September Term 2007

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY M. ADAMS, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW (Attorney No. 028751985)



The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 07-276, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-14(a)(4), **JEFFREY M. ADAMS** of **NEW YORK**, **NEW YORK**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1985, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year based on discipline imposed in the State of New York, effective May 10, 2007, for unethical conduct that in New Jersey violates <u>RPC</u> 1.15(a)(failure to safekeep and negligent misappropriation of client funds), <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d) and <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6(recordkeeping violations), and <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 (failure to comply with another jurisdiction's rules regulating the sharing of quantum meruit fees with suspended attorneys);

And respondent having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **JEFFREY M. ADAMS** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, retroactive to May 10, 2007; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to practice in New Jersey until reinstated in New York; and it is further ORDERED that respondent comply with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 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 Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 24th day of June, 2008.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

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