

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-60 September Term 2007

IN THE MATTER OF  
NEAL SHARMA,  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
(Attorney No. 001641992)

FILED

ORDER FEB 28 2008

*Stephen W. Townsend*  
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 07-204 and DRB 07-218, concluding that **NEAL SHARMA** of **EWING**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1992, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information), RPC 1.4(c) (failure to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation), RPC 5.5(a) (practicing law while ineligible), and Rule 1:21-1(a) (failure to maintain a bona fide office);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent should be required to return the \$785 retainer in the Buttich matter;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **NEAL SHARMA** 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 prior to reinstatement to the practice of law,

respondent shall submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics that he has refunded the retainer in the Buttich matter; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

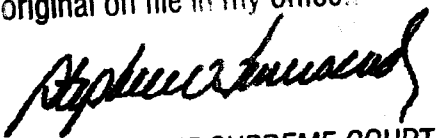
ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent files proof of compliance; (2) be found to constitute a violation of RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to Rule 1:10-2; and it is further

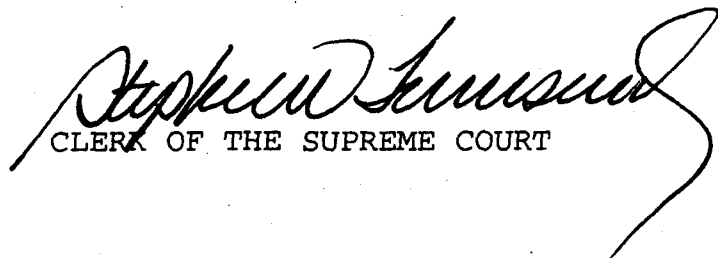
ORDERED that the entire record of this matter be made a permanent part of respondent's file as an attorney at law of this State; and it is further

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 26th day of February, 2008.

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

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF NEW JERSEY

  
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