SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-32 September Term 2006

FILLE D ORDER (Attorney No. 023731977)

IN THE MATTER OF

GERALD M. LYNCH,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 06-256, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent), that GERALD M. LYNCH of NEW BRUNSWICK, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1977, should be suspended from the practice of law. for a period of six months for violating RPC 1.5(d) (failure to maintain trust and business account records), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that GERALD M. LYNCH is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months and until the further Order of the Court, effective February 7, 2007; 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 <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 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable James R. Zazzali, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 10th day of January, 2007.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

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