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| STEVEN M. KRAMER, | | | | | | | |
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| AN ATTORNEY AT LAW | | | | | | | |
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| (Attorney No. 033121982) | | | | | | | |

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed a decision with the Court in DRB 01-038, recommending the disbarment of STEVEN M. KRAMER of BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1983, and who thereafter was suspended from the practice of law by Order of the Court filed on April 24, 1997, and who remains suspended at this time;

And the matter having been before the Disciplinary Review Board both as a recommendation for discipline filed by a special master based on unethical conduct within New Jersey and as an application by the Office of Attorney Ethics for reciprocal discipline based on respondent's disbarment in New York;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that by his conduct respondent violated RPC 3.2(failure to expedite litigation), RPC 5.5(a) (practicing law while suspended), <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), <u>RPC</u> 8.4(a) (violating or attempting to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct through the acts of another), RPC

8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 (willful and substantial failure to comply with the rules and guidelines governing suspended or disbarred attorneys), and further that respondent's conduct in violating <u>RPC</u> 3.2 and <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 constituted contempt of court as provided by <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(b) (15) (incorrectly cited below as Rule 1:20-20(b) (14));

And the Disciplinary Review Board further having concluded that reciprocal discipline should be imposed and having found no reason to depart from the discipline of disbarment imposed in New York;

And STEVEN M. KRAMER having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that the decision and recommendation of the Disciplinary Review Board are adopted and STEVEN M. KRAMER is hereby disbarred, effective immediately, substantially for the reasons stated by the Disciplinary Review Board in its decision; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys of this State; and it is further

ORDERED that STEVEN M. KRAMER be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by STEVEN M. KRAMER pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 shall 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 incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 18th day of June, 2002.

THE SUPREME COURT

DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

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

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY