

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-179 September Term 1999

IN THE MATTER OF :  
RICHARD D. BENNETT, :  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

ORDER

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*Stephen J. Brennan*  
CLERK

This matter having been duly presented to the Court pursuant to Rule 1:20-10(b) following a motion for discipline by consent of RICHARD D. BENNETT, formerly of WEST ORANGE, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1958;

And the Office of Attorney Ethics and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which it was agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.1(a) and (b) (gross neglect and pattern of neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), and RPC 1.4(a) (failure to communicate);

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated RPC 1.1(a) and (b), RPC 1.3, and RPC 1.4(a) and that said conduct warrants a reprimand;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having reviewed the record pursuant to Rule 1:20-10(b) (3) to determine the appropriate measure of discipline for respondent's misconduct;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that a reprimand is the appropriate discipline for respondent's ethics infractions and having granted the motion for discipline by consent;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having submitted the record of the proceedings to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the entry of an order of discipline in accordance with Rule 1:20-16(e);

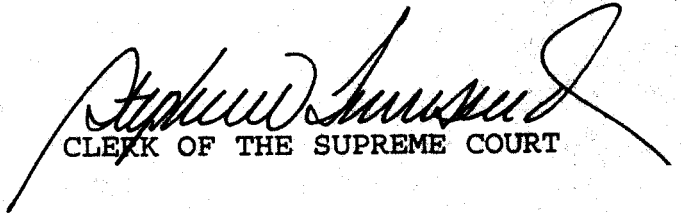
And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that RICHARD D. BENNETT is hereby reprimanded;  
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 29th day of June, 2000.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

I hereby certify that the foregoing  
is a true copy of the original on file  
in my office.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
OF NEW JERSEY