SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-135 September Term 2015 077749

IN THE MATTER OF

JOSEPH S. CHIZIK,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 013631976)



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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 15-247, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent), that JOSEPH S. CHIZIK, formerly of MOUNT LAUREL, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1976, and who has been suspended from practice since February 14, 2014, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years for violating RPC 1.3(lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with the client), RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), RPC 8.4(d) and Rule 1:20-20 (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that JOSEPH S. CHIZIK is suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; 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 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 7th day of September, 2016.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

CLERK OF THE STIPPEME COURT

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