SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-55 September Term 2016 078641

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AMENDED ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF
VICTOR K. RABBAT,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW
(Attorney No. 033911984))

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 16-018, recommending that VICTOR K. RABBAT of TOTOWA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1984, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.15(a) (knowing misappropriation of client funds), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and the principles set forth in In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979);

And VICTOR K. RABBAT having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And the Court having excluded from its consideration of the allegations of knowing misappropriation the evidence in respect of the charge pertaining to the check in the Hayek matter, which was first presented during the hearing, after the death of the client;

And the Court having determined from its de novo review of the record that the evidence presented is sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence only the negligent misappropriation of client funds by respondent;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that VICTOR K. RABBAT is suspended from the

practice of law for a period of three years, effective April 8, 2017, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with $\underline{\text{Rule}}$ 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(d); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 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 21st day of March, 2017.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT