SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-108 September Term 2016 079100

IN THE MATTER OF :

RALPH A. GONZALEZ, : ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW : MAY

(Attorney No. 012401987) :

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This matter have been duly presented pursuant to <u>Rule 1:20-10(b)</u>, following a granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 16-422 of **RALPH A. GONZALEZ** of **VOORHEES**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1987;

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 8.4(b) (commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated \underline{RPC} 8.4(b) and \underline{RPC} 8.4(d), and that said conduct warrants discipline in the range of a censure to a three-month suspension;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that a

three-month suspension from practice is the appropriate discipline for respondent's unethical conduct and having granted the motion for discipline by consent in District Docket No. XIV-2014-0543E;

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 RALPH A. GONZALEZ of VOORHEES is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective June 22, 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 24th day of May, 2017.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT