SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-154 September Term 2016 079440

IN THE MATTER OF :

GREGG D. TRAUTMANN, : ORDER FILED

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW : JUL 13 2017

(Attorney No. 015061993) :

This matter have been duly presented pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-10(b), following a granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 17-088 of **GREGG D. TRAUTMANN** of **DENVILLE**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1993;

And the District XA Ethics Committee and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which it was agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.5(b) (failure to provide the basis or rate of fee in writing to the client), RPC 1.7(a) (concurrent conflict of interest), RPC 1.7(b) (prohibiting a lawyer form representing a client if the representation involves a conflict of interest), RPC 1.8(a) (entering into a prohibited business transaction with a client), RPC 1.8(c) (a lawyer shall not solicit any substantial gift from a client, including a testamentary gift, or prepare on behalf of a client an instrument giving the lawyer or a person related to the lawyer any substantial gift unless the lawyer or other recipient

of the gift is related to the client), RPC 8.4(a) (knowingly violating or attempting to violate the RPCs), and RPC), and <a href="RPCs

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated RPC 1.5(b), RPC 1.7(a), RPC 1.7(b), RPC 1.8(a), RPC 1.8(c), RPC 8.4(a), and RPC 8.4(c), and that said conduct warrants a six-month suspension from practice or such lesser discipline as the Board shall deem warranted;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined to dismiss the stipulated violations of \underline{RPC} 1.7(b) and \underline{RPC} 1.8(c);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that a six-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. XA-2016-0012E;

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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that GREGG D. TRAUTMANN of DENVILLE is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective August 14, 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 13th day of July, 2017.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT