SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-145 September Term 2016 079418

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL LEVITIS, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW (Attorney No. 029761999)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 16-328, recommending that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-13(c), **MICHAEL LEVITIS**, formerly of **BROOKLYN**, **NEW YORK**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2000, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since March 15, 2012, be disbarred based on his guilty plea in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York to knowingly and willfully making a false, fictitious and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter related to political fundraising, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1001(a)(2), conduct that in New Jersey violates <u>RPC</u> 8.4(b)(commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

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And **MICHAEL LEVITIS** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL LEVITIS be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that MICHAEL LEVITIS be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or

hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by MICHAEL LEVITIS pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending the further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that MICHAEL LEVITIS comply with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; 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 10th day of October, 2017.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT