SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-171 September Term 2016 079613

IN THE MATTER OF

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THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL,

OCT 12 2017 ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 016741987)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 16-411, recommending that THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL of RIDGEFIELD PARK, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.8(a) (improper business transaction with client), RPC 1.15(a), the principles of In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979) and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985) (knowing misappropriation of client trust funds and escrow funds), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined; And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL 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 THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL pursuant to Rule 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 **THOMAS ALAN BLUMENTHAL** 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