SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-43 September Term 2017 080319

IN THE MATTER OF

MICHAEL AUGUSTINE AMATO, : ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

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This matter have been duly presented pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-10(b), following the granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 17-332 of **MICHAEL AUGUSTINE AMATO** of **BRICK**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1990;

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 1.8(a) (entering into a prohibited business transaction with a client);

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated <a href="RPC">RPC</a> 1.8(a), and that said conduct warrants a reprimand or censure;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that a reprimand is the appropriate discipline for respondent's unethical conduct and having granted the motion for discipline by consent in District Docket No. XIV-2016-0492E;

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  $\underline{\text{Rule}}$  1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL AUGUSTINE AMATO of BRICK is hereby reprimanded; 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 27th day of November, 2017.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT