SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
MAY 1 3 2002-103 September Term 20001

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IN THE MATTER OF

ORDER

GENE PIERO BELARDI,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 008271976) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 01-344, concluding that GENE PIERO BELARDI of STERLING, VIRGINIA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1976, and who was temporarily suspended from the practice of law on February 2, 2001, pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(b), should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of eighteen months on the basis of his guilty plea to a federal information charging him with knowingly and wilfully making false statements to the Federal Communications Commission, in violation of 18 U.S.C.A. 1001, conduct that violates RPC 8.4(b) (commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer) and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that GENE PIERO BELARDI is suspended from the practice of law for a period of eighteen months and until the further Order of the Court, retroactive to February 2, 2001; 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 be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of suspension and that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 9th day of May, 2002.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

I SCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

OF NEW JERSEY