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In the Matter of

Howard J. Batt,

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An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 003571980)

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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 18-212 of **Howard J. Batt** of **Cherry Hill**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1980;

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 1.15(a) (negligent misappropriation of client funds), RPC 1.15(d) and Rule 1:21-6 (recordkeeping violations), RPC 5.3(a) and (b)(failure to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the conduct of nonlawyers is compatible with the lawyer's professional obligations);

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated <u>RPC</u> 1.15(a), <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d), <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 and RPC 5.3(a) and (b), and that said conduct warrants a reprimand or lesser discipline;

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-2016-0005E;

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 **Howard J. Batt** of **Cherry Hill** 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 16th day of November, 2018.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT