

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-179 September Term 2017  
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In the Matter of

Joan Othelia Pinnock,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 010881997)

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**FILED**

**ORDER**

**DEC 05 2018**

*Heather J. Baten*  
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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 18-036, concluding that **Joan Othelia Pinnock** of **Newark**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1997, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.1(a)(gross neglect, RPC 1.1(b)(pattern of neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b)(failure to communicate with client), and RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Joan Othelia Pinnock** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective January 4, 2019; and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent files proof of compliance; (2) be found to constitute a violation of RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(d); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to Rule 1:10-2; 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 3rd day of December, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather J. Bates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H".

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**