SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-22 September Term 2018 081920

In the Matter of Preston I. Fulford, An Attorney At Law (Attorney No. 023871998)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 18-132, concluding that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-13(c), **Preston I. Fulford** of **Newark**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1998, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months because of his adjudication of guilt of simple assault conduct in violation of <u>RPC</u> 8.4(b)(commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects); and good cause appearing;

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It is ORDERED that **Preston I. Fulford** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court, effective April 22, 2019; and it is further

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

ORDERED that pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 19th day of March, 2019.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT