SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-131 September Term 2018 082976

In the Matter of

Ronald Schwartz,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 27271971)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 18-363, concluding that **Ronald Schwartz** of **Teaneck**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1971, and who has been administratively ineligible to practice law since September 12, 2016, and retired since December 11, 2017, should be reprimanded for violating <u>RPC</u> 1.15(a)(funds held in the trust account in excess of those reasonably sufficient to pay bank charges), <u>RPC</u> 1.15(d) and <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 (recordkeeping deficiencies), and <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that if respondent returns to active status for the practice of law, he must notify the Office of Attorney Ethics of that fact within thirty days thereafter; provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with monthly trust account reconciliations, on a quarterly basis, for a period of two years; and complete a course in attorney trust and business accounting approved by the OAE, within six months after his return to practice;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Ronald Schwartz** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that if respondent cures his administrative ineligibility based on noncompliance with the rules pertaining to continuing legal education and returns to the practice of law, respondent shall: 1) notify the Office of Attorney Ethics within thirty days of his change in status; 2) provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with quarterly reports of the monthly reconciliations of his attorney books and records for a period of two years and until the further Order of the Court; and 3) complete a course in attorney trust and business accounting approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics within six months of returning to the practice of law and provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with proof of his successful completion thereof; 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 October, 2019.

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