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ORDER

In the Matter of

Richard B. Thompson,

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An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 017321982)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-062, recommending that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(c)(2), Richard B. Thompson of Middletown, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1982, be disbarred and permanently barred from judicial service based on his guilty plea in the Superior Court of New Jersey to fourth-degree falsifying of records, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4(a), conduct in violation of RPC 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), RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And **Richard B. Thompson** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Richard B. Thompson** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that Richard B. Thompson be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law and from holding any judicial office

in this State; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **Richard B. Thompson** pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that **Richard B. Thompson** comply with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; 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 January, 2020.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT