## SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-13 September Term 2019 083474

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In the Matter of	FILED
Jeffrey L. Perlman,	: JAN 3 1 2020 ORDER
An Attorney At Law	CHeathe J Bate
(Attorney No. 023441983)	
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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-037, concluding that that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(a)(E), Jeffrey L. Perlman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1984, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since August 3, 2018, should be suspended from practice for a period of one year based on discipline imposed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for conduct that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.3(lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b)(failure to keep client reasonably informed of the status of the matter), RPC 1.4(c)(failure to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation), RPC 1.16(a)(1) (failure to withdraw for the representation when continued representation will violate the RPCs), RPC 1.16(c)(failure to comply with applicable law requiring notice to

or permission of a tribunal when termination a representation), <u>RPC</u> 8.1(d)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that the term of suspension should be concurrent with the one-year term of suspension effective August 3, 2018;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent should be required to submit proof of his fitness to practice law as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Jeffrey L. Perlman** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, retroactive to August 3, 2018; and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDRED that prior to the reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent shall submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics proof of his fitness to practice as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent continue to comply with Rule 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 28th day of January, 2020.

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**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**