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In the Matter of

Edward McElroy,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 055771994)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-095, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent) that **Edward McElroy** of **Elizabeth**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1994, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for violating <u>RPC</u> 1.1(a)(gross neglect), <u>RPC</u> 1.3(lack of diligence), <u>RPC</u> 1.4(b)(failure to communicate with client), <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Edward McElroy** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective April 20, 2020; 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 10th day of March, 2020.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT