SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-4 September Term 2020 084914

In the Matter of Joseph Peter Howard, An Attorney At Law (Attorney No. 040162010)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-415, concluding that **Joseph Peter Howard** of **Cherry Hill**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2010, should be reprimanded 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> 1.16(d)(on termination of the representation, failure to refund the unearned portion of the fee), and <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

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And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Joseph Peter Howard** is hereby reprimanded; 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 8th day of December, 2020.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT