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In the Matter of

Robert J. Bernot,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 003871982)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 20-085, concluding that on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent) Robert J. Bernot of Flemington, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1982, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since November 2, 2018, should be suspended from practice for a period of three years for violating RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) and RPC 8.4(d)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Robert J. Bernot** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, effective immediately, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent 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 4th day of May, 2021.

Heather Baken

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT