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In the Matter of

Scott Joseph Capriglione,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 002411988)

FILEDORDER

: MAY 19 2021

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 20-050, concluding that **Scott Joseph Capriglione** of **Princeton**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988, 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> 1.1(b)(pattern of 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 representation, failure to surrender the client's papers and property); <u>RPC</u> 3.2(failure to expedite litigation); <u>RPC</u> 3.3(a)(1)(false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal); <u>RPC</u> 3.3(a)(4)(offering evidence the lawyer knows to be false); <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 concluded that respondent

should be required to immediately refund his fee in the <u>Jones</u> matter (VII-2017-0012E);

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

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Scott Joseph Capriglione** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, and until the further Order of the Court, effective June 16, 2021; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall refund the \$1,000 retainer paid by his client in the <u>Jones</u> matter (VII-2017-0012E) within thirty days after the filing date of this Order; and it is further

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

ORDERED that respondent comply with  $\underline{Rule}$  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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT