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In the Matter of

Michael S. Wittenberg,

ORDER

An Attorney At Law

FILED

(Attorney No. 041601985)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 22-028, concluding that **Michael S. Wittenberg** of **Jersey City**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1985, should be reprimanded for violating RPC 1.15(d) (failure to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of <u>Rule</u>

1:21-6), and RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that respondent should (1) provide proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics that he has replenished his attorney trust account, (2) complete two recordkeeping courses approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and (3) submit monthly reconciliations of his attorney accounts to the Office of Attorney Ethics for a period of two years;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Michael S. Wittenberg** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall (1) provide proof within thirty days after the filing date of this Order that he has replenished the funds in his attorney trust account to replace those negligently invaded, (2) complete two recordkeeping courses approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, with proof of completion to be submitted to the Office of Attorney Ethics within ninety days after the filing date of this Order, and (3) submit monthly reconciliations of his attorney accounts to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, for a period of two years, and until the further Order of the Court; 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Heather Baken

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT