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In the Matter of

Giovanni De Pierro :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 009192001) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its split decision in DRB 23-024, recommending that **Giovanni De Pierro** of **Bloomfield**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2001, should be disciplined for violating RPC 1.15(a) (engaging in negligent misappropriation of client funds and commingling) (two instances), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6), RPC 5.5(a) (engaging in the unauthorized practice of law by failing to maintain liability insurance while practicing as a limited liability company, as <u>Rule</u> 1:21-1B(a)(4) requires), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent should be required to (1) submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, respondent's monthly attorney trust account reconciliations and supporting financial records, for a period of two years, and

(2) complete an Office of Attorney Ethics approved recordkeeping course within ninety days of the Court's order;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Giovanni De Pierro** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall (1) submit to the Office of Attorney

Ethics, on a quarterly basis, respondent's monthly attorney trust account
reconciliations and supporting financial records, for a period of two years, and
(2) complete an Office of Attorney Ethics approved recordkeeping course
within ninety days of this order; 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 5th day of March, 2024.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Heather Sate