

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-63 September Term 2023
089019**

In the Matter of :
Joseph M. Colella :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 257931972) :

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This matter having been duly presented pursuant to Rule 1:20-10(b), following a granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 23-237 of **Joseph M. Colella of River Edge**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1972;

And the Office of Attorney Ethics and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which the parties agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.15(a) (commingling personal and client funds in an attorney trust account), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping

requirements of Rule 1:21-6), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), and that respondent's conduct warrants an admonition;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that respondent's conduct violated RPC 1.15(a), RPC 1.15(d), and RPC 8.1(b), and that an admonition is the appropriate discipline for respondent's unethical conduct, and having granted the motion for discipline by consent in District Docket No. XIV-2020-0486E;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having submitted the record of the proceedings to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the entry of an order of discipline in accordance with Rule 1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Joseph M. Colella** is hereby admonished; 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 Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this
23rd day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "B".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT