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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-174 September Term 2002

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
MARIANO F. D. CRUZ, :  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :  
(Attorney No. 039981991) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 03-048, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14 **MARIANO F. D. CRUZ** of **TAMUNING, GUAM**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1993, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years, respondent having been suspended from practice in the State of South Carolina for a period of two years for conduct in violation of RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.1(b) (pattern of neglect), RPC 1.2(a) (failure to abide by clients' decisions concerning the objectives of the representation), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4 (failure to communicate with clients), RPC 1.7 (conflict of interest), RPC 1.9 (conflict involving former client), RPC 1.15 (failure to keep clients' funds in separate account and failure to maintain records), RPC 1.16 (failure to withdraw from representation and failure to protect clients' interest on termination of representation), RPC 3.2 (failure to expedite litigation), RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation); and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Disciplinary Review Board further having concluded that respondent should not be reinstated to the practice of law in the State of New Jersey unless and until reinstated to practice in South Carolina;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **MARIANO F. D. CRUZ** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that **MARIANO F. D. CRUZ** should not be reinstated to the practice of law in New Jersey unless and until he is reinstated to the practice of law in the State of South Carolina; and it is further

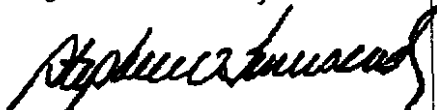
ORDERED that respondent be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of suspension and that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20; and it is further

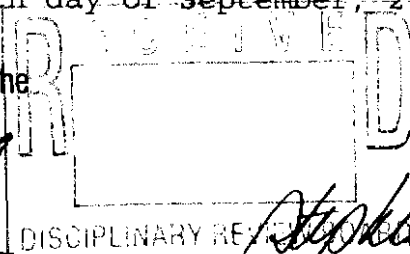
ORDERED that the entire record of this matter be made a permanent part of respondent's file as an attorney at law of this State; and it is further

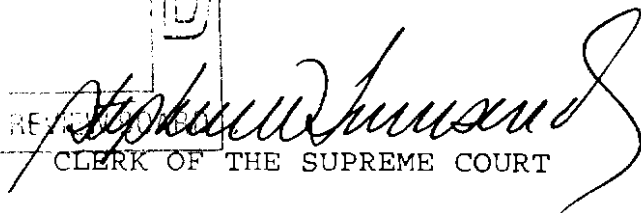
ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 16th day of September, 2003.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

  
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OF NEW JERSEY



  
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