

IN THE MATTER OF
MICHAEL A. MELE,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW
(Attorney No. 023201987)

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ORDER

Stephen W. Townsend
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 03-178, concluding that **MICHAEL A. MELE** of **HACKENSACK**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1987, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since December 6, 2002, pursuant to the Orders of the Court filed on November 6, 2002 and March 28, 2003, should be reprimanded for violating RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) (failure to communicate with client) and RPC 1.16(d) (failure to notify client on termination of representation), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **MICHAEL A. MELE** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that **MICHAEL A. MELE** continue to comply with the Court's Order filed March 28, 2003, and with Rule 1:20-20 governing suspended attorneys; 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 10th day of February, 2004.

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

Stephen W. Townsend
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF NEW JERSEY

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