SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-105 September Term 2010 068191

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

PATRICE MERRITT DAVIS,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 051581988)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 10-403, concluding that **PATRICE MERRITT DAVIS** of **SOUTH ORANGE**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for violating RPC 8.4(b) (criminal act reflecting adversely on attorney's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **PATRICE MERRITT DAVIS** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective July 29, 2011 and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent files

proof of compliance; (2) be found to constitute a violation of RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to Rule 1:10-2; 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 28th day of June, 2011.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

CLERK OF THE SUPPEME COURT -

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