

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-218 September Term 1997

IN THE MATTER OF :
STEVEN H. GIFIS, :
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

ORDER

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Stephen W. Townsend
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court a report recommending that **STEVEN H. GIFIS** of **PENNINGTON**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1970, be disbarred for the knowing misappropriation of escrow funds in three matters, in violation of In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985); for acting with a conflict of interest, in violation of RPC 1.8(a); for making misrepresentations to a tribunal, in violation of RPC 3.3(a)(5) and RPC 8.4(c); and for numerous violations of the attorney recordkeeping provisions of Rule 1:21-6;

And said **STEVEN H. GIFIS** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that the report and recommendation of the Disciplinary Review Board are hereby adopted and that **STEVEN H. GIFIS** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys of this State; and it is further

ORDERED that **STEVEN H. GIFIS** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **STEVEN H. GIFIS** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6, be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund, pending further Order of this Court; 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

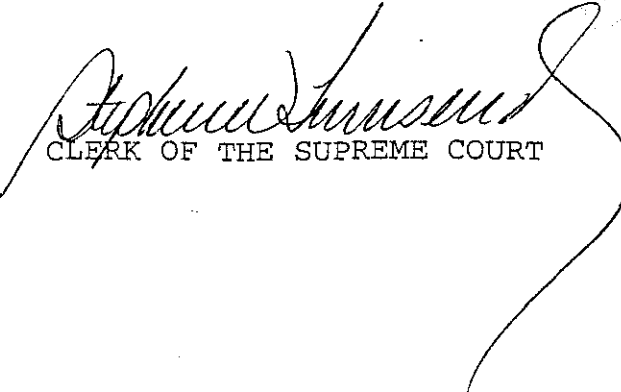
ORDERED that **STEVEN H. GIFIS** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

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 23rd day of September, 1998.

I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of the original on file
in my office.


CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF NEW JERSEY


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