

IN THE MATTER OF
RANDI K. FRANCO,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW
(Attorney No. 008111991)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 12-053, 12-054, 12-05 and 12-056, concluding that **RANDI K. FRANCO** of **MORRISTOWN**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1991, should be disciplined for unethical conduct, including violations of RPC 1.5(d) (commingling of funds and charging a non-refundable retainer), RPC 1.7(a) (conflict of interest), RPC 1.8(a) (impermissible business transaction with client), RPC 1.15(d), Rule 1:21-6 (recordkeeping violations), and for the knowing misappropriation of escrow funds in violation of Rule 1.15(a) and the principles of In re Hollendonner, N.J. 21 (1985);

And **RANDI K. FRANCO** having been ordered to show cause why she should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And the Court having concluded from its review of the matter that the record does not support a finding of knowing misappropriation by clear and convincing evidence, but rather a finding of negligent misappropriation, and having determined that a three-month suspension from practice is the appropriate discipline for the totality of respondent's unethical conduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **RANDI K. FRANCO** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective January 4, 2013, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

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

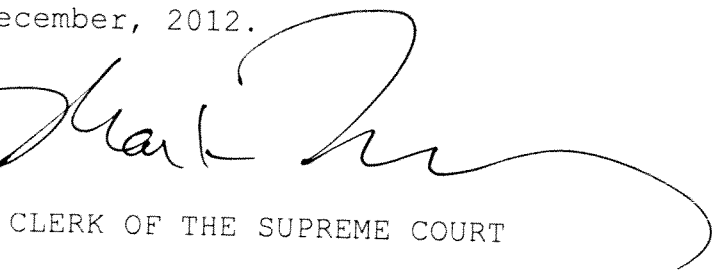
ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent 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 4th day of December, 2012.

The foregoing is a true copy
of the original as filed in my office.



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