IN THE MATTER OF   :

DOUGLAS R. SMITH,   :   O R D E R

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW   :

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MAR 15 1994

Stephen W. Townsend
CLERK

     The Disciplinary Review Board having filed a report with the Supreme Court recommending that **DOUGLAS R. SMITH**, of **FAIR LAWN**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1974, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for his conduct in the handling of the matters of a client, including gross neglect, lack of diligence, a pattern of neglect, misrepresentations to the client, and a failure to advise the client to seek independent counsel prior to entering into a business relationship with respondent, all in violation of DR 1-102(A)(1), (4) and (6), DR 5-104(A), DR 6-101(A)(1) and (2), DR 7-101(A)(1), (2) and (3), RPC 1.1(a) and (b), RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4, RPC 1.8(a) and RPC 8.4(a) and (c), and good cause appearing;

     It is ORDERED that the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board are hereby adopted and respondent is suspended from practice for a period of one year, effective April 11, 1994, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further
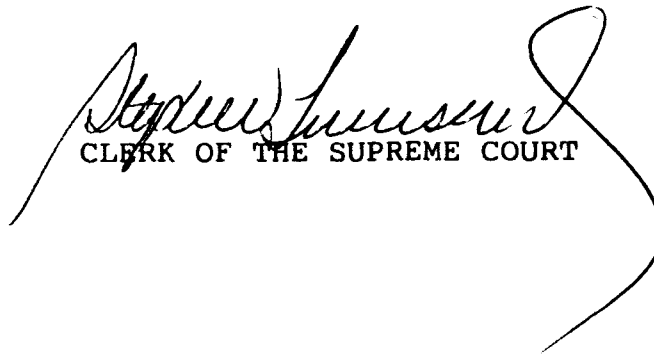
     ORDERED that the Decision and Recommendation of the Disciplinary Review Board, together with this Order and the full record of the matter, be added as a permanent part of the file of said **DOUGLAS R. SMITH** as an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey; and it is further

     ORDERED that **DOUGLAS R. SMITH** be and hereby is restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of his suspension; and it is further
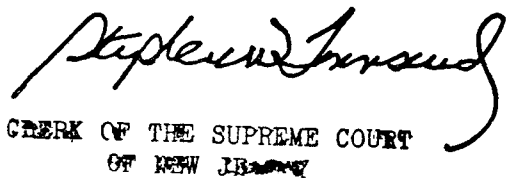
ORDERED that respondent comply with Administrative Guideline No. 23 of the Office of Attorney Ethics dealing with suspended, disbarred or resigned attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that **DOUGLAS R. SMITH** reimburse the Ethics Financial Committee for appropriate administrative costs.

WITNESS, the Honorable Robert L. Clifford, Presiding Justice, at Trenton, this 14th day of March, 1994.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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