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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
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*Stephen W. Townsend*  
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IN THE MATTER OF :  
MARIA P. FORNARO, :  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

The Disciplinary Review Board on April 24, 1997, having filed with the Court its decision concluding that MARIA P. FORNARO of MORRISTOWN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1989, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC-1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4 (failure to communicate), RPC 1.5(b) (failure to communicate basis of fee in writing), RPC 1.16(d) (failure to surrender client's file), RPC 3.3(a) (making a false statement of material fact to a tribunal), RPC 8.1(a) and (b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary officials and making a false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter), and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that respondent should complete the Skills and Methods course offered by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and, on reinstatement, practice under supervision for a period of two years;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that MARIA P. FORNARO is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective March 24, 1998, and until further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete the Skills and Methods Course offered by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education; and it is further

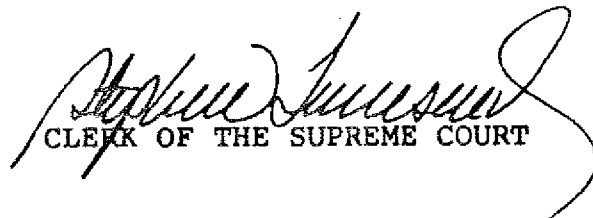
ORDERED that on reinstatement to practice respondent shall practice under the supervision of a practicing attorney approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics for a period of two years and until further Order of the Court; and it is further

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

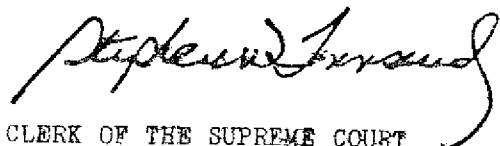
ORDERED that respondent be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of her suspension and that she comply with Rule 1:20-20; and it is further

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 24th day of February, 1998.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

  
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