SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-31 September Term 2012 071779

IN THE MATTER OF

NEIL A. MALVONE,

ORDER

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AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 049261993)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 12-139, concluding that **NEIL A. MALVONE** of **MILLTOWN**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1993, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years for violating <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And **NEIL A. MALVONE** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And the Court having determined from its independent review of this matter that the record establishes by clear and convincing evidence that respondent conspired with his client to defraud the client's spouse in divorce proceedings in violation of RPC 8.4(c) and knowingly misappropriated marital funds in which the client and his spouse had an interest by making unauthorized personal use of the funds entrusted to him by his

Client, in violation of RPC 1.15(a) and the principles of <u>In re Wilson</u>, 81 <u>N.J.</u> 451 (1979) (failure to safeguard funds and knowing misappropriation), and the Court having concluded that disbarment is required for respondent's unethical conduct;

It is ORDERED that **NEIL A. MALVONE** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with $\underline{\text{Rule}}$ 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by NEIL A. MALVONE 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 the 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 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 15th day of October, 2013.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

JUSTICES ALBIN and HOENS and JUDGES RODRÍGUEZ and CUFF (both temporarily assigned) join in this Order. CHIEF JUSTICE RABNER and JUSTICES Lavecchia and Patterson dissent, and would impose a three-year suspension as determined by the Disciplinary Review Board.

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

OF NEW JERSEY