

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-7 September Term 2006

IN THE MATTER OF

MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 041101987)

**FILED**

: JAN 31 2007

O R D E R

*Appl. to Disc. Bd.*

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 06-113, recommending that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13 (c), MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE of FREEHOLD, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1987, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since July 1, 2005, be disbarred for his conviction of two counts of misapplication of \$2.7 million in entrusted property and one count of failure to file corporate business tax returns with the intent to evade taxes, conduct in violation of RPC 8.4(b) (commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer);

And MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE be and hereby is

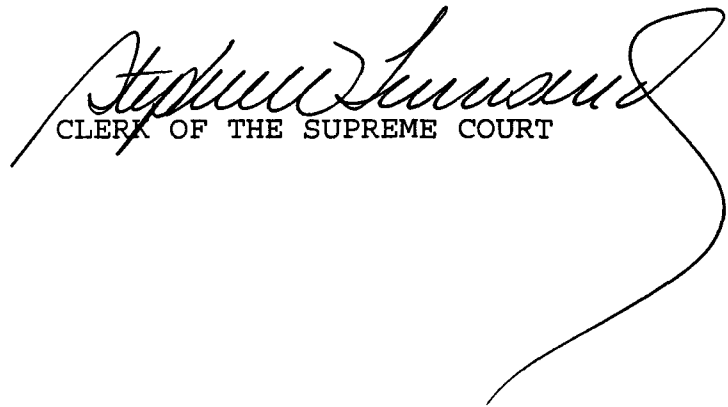
permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

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

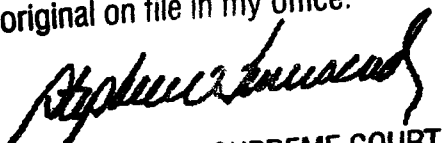
ORDERED that the entire record of this matter be made a permanent part of respondent's file as an attorney at law of this State; and it is further

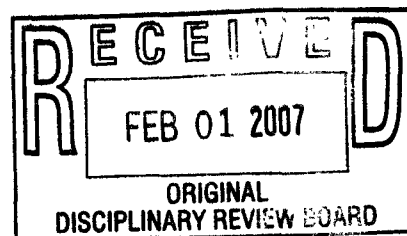
ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable James R. Zazzali, Chief Justice,  
at Trenton, this 30th day of January 2007.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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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MICHAEL JAMES BUONOPANE : CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

I, Denise McCollum, hereby certify:

1) I am employed by the State of New Jersey as an Administrative Specialist with the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

2) On January 31, 2007, I personally mailed to respondent's counsel, Maureen A. Ruane, Esq., Lowenstein, Sandler, PC, 65 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068, by regular mail and certified mail, 37003 1010 0005 3127 1337, a copy of an Order dated January 30, 2007.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

  
Denise McCollum  
Administrative Specialist

