

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-166 September Term 2012  
073062

IN THE MATTER OF  
JOSEPH S. CHIZIK,  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
(Attorney No. 013631976)

JAN 21 2014

FILED

ORDER

JAN 15 2014



The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 13-046, concluding on the record certified by the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(1) (default by respondent), that **JOSEPH S. CHIZIK** of **MOUNT LAUREL**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1976, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence, RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with clients), RPC 1.5(b) (failure to provide a written fee agreement), and RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with ethics authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that prior to reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent should be required to provide proof of his fitness to practice;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **JOSEPH S. CHIZIK** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court, effective February 14, 2014; and it is further

ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent shall submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics proof of his

fitness to practice law as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; 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

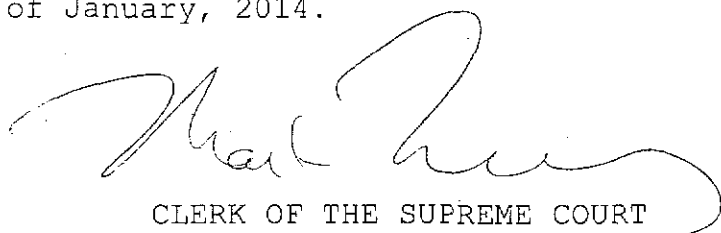
ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

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

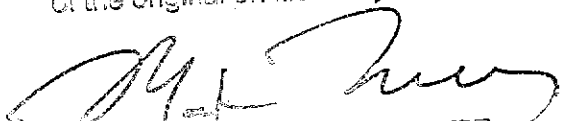
ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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



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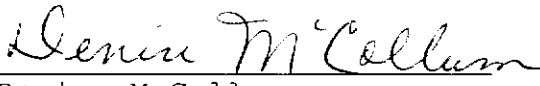
CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

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 15, 2014, I personally mailed to respondent's counsel, James J. Gerrow, Esq., Sitzler & Sitzler, 1487 Route 38 West, Hainesport, NJ 08036, by regular mail and certified mail, a copy of an Order filed January 15, 2014.

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 3