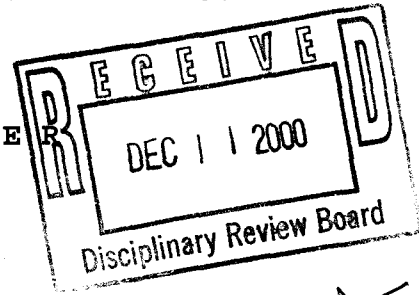


SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
~~D-29~~ September Term 2000

IN THE MATTER OF
SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

: FILED
: DEC 6 2000 O R D E R
: *Stephen W. Townsend*
CLERK



The Disciplinary Review Board having filed a report with the Court, recommending that **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** of **NORTH BERGEN**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4 (failure to communicate with client), RPC 1.15 (failure to safekeep property), RPC 1.15(a) (knowing misappropriation of client trust funds) and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation), and said **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** having failed to appear on the return date of the Order to Show Cause issued in this matter, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that her name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

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 all funds, if any, currently existing in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 shall 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 further Order of this Court; and it is further

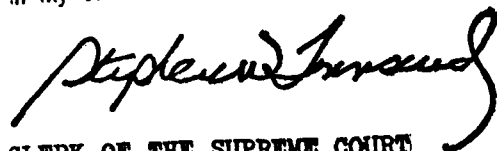
ORDERED that **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

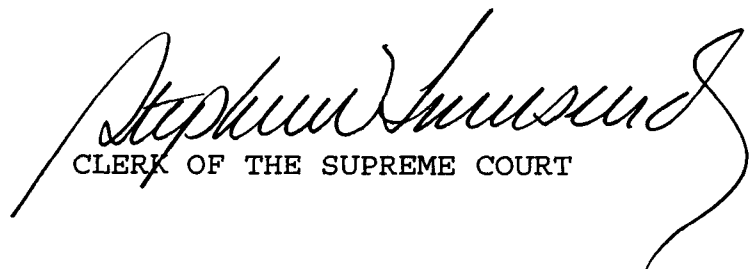
ORDERED that **SUSAN DINICOLA-TAPIA** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

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 5th day of December, 2000.

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


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