IN THE MATTER OF

THOMAS A. DECLEMENTE,

FILED

ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 269801971)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 08-413, concluding that THOMAS A. DECLEMENTE of SECAUCUS, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1971, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.7(a) (conflict of interest), RPC 1.8(a) (business transaction with clients), RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **THOMAS A. DECLEMENTE** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court, effective February 18, 2010; 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 $\underline{\text{Rule}}$ 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 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 19th day of January, 2010.

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