SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-141 September Term 2011 070993



The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 12-003, concluding that **MARK G. YATES** of **FLEMINGTON**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1980, should be censured for violating <u>RPC</u> 1.1(a) (gross neglect), <u>RPC</u> 1.3 (lack of diligence), <u>RPC</u> 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with client), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And **MARK G. YATES** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And the Court having determined from its review of the matter that a three-month suspension from practice of law is the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical conduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **MARK G. YATES** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, and until the further Order of the Court, effective October 26, 2012; 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 <u>Rule</u> 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 25th day of September, 2012.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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