SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-35 September Term 2007

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IN THE MATTER OF

ANTHONY N. THOMAS,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 007462000)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 07-249, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14, ANTHONY N. THOMAS of HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2000, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year based on discipline imposed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b) and (c) (failure to communicate with client and to explain matter to extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation), RPC 1.5(b) (failure to set forth, in writing, the basis or rate of the fee), RPC 1.16(d) (failure to protect client's interest on termination of representation), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that ANTHONY N. THOMAS is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; 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 <u>Rule 1:20-20(c)</u>, respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule 1:20-20(b)(15)</u> 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 <u>RPC 8.1(b)</u> and <u>RPC 8.4(c)</u>; and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule 1:10-2</u>; 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 15th day of January, 2008.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY