

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-52 September Term 2014
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IN THE MATTER OF
EDWARD A. MACDUFFIE, JR.,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW
(Attorney No. 243801971)

ORDER

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 14-196, concluding on the record certified by the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent), that **EDWARD A. MACDUFFIE, JR.**, of **LAVALLETTE**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1971, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since January 8, 2014, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.2(a) (a lawyer shall abide by a client's decisions concerning the scope and objectives of the representation and shall consult with the client about the means to pursue them), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with client) and RPC 1.15 (failure to safeguard the property of a client or third person);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that: (1) the term of suspension should be effective on the expiration of respondent's temporary suspension, (2) respondent should be required to reimburse the Fullen estate \$3500, and (3) no petition for reinstatement to practice should be considered by the Disciplinary Review Board until the conclusion of all pending

ethics matters against respondent;

And the Court having concluded in its review of the matter that the Board's findings of violations of RPC 1.2(a) and RPC 1.15(a) should be vacated because those Rules of Professional Conduct were not specifically charged in the complaint as required by Rule 1:20-4(b), and that the three-month term of the suspension should be effective immediately;

And good cause appearing;

ORDERED that the findings of the Disciplinary Review Board that respondent violated RPC 1.2(a) and RPC 1.15(a) are hereby vacated; and it is further

It is ORDERED that **EDWARD A. MACDUFFIE, JR.**, is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective immediately, and pending respondent's compliance with the Order filed January 8, 2014, and the conclusion of all pending ethics proceedings, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall reimburse the Fullen estate \$3500; and it is further

ORDERED that the Disciplinary Review Board shall not consider a petition for reinstatement from respondent until the conclusion of any and all pending ethics matters against him; and it is further

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

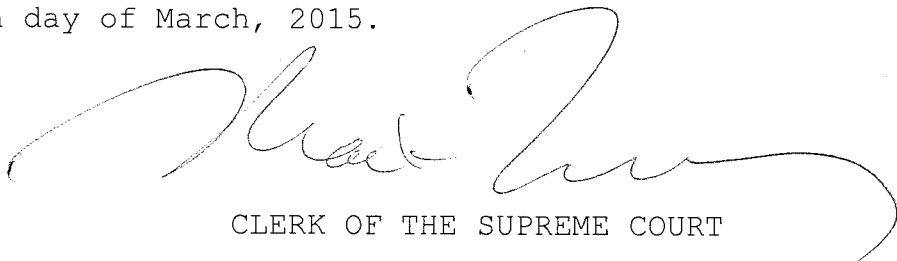
ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of

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 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

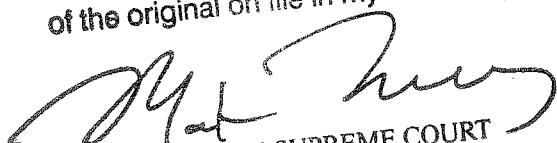
ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 24th day of March, 2015.



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