SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-81 September Term 2006

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IN THE MATTER OF

ALEX KATZ,

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 027691992)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 06-323, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14, ALEX KATZ, formerly of MOORESTOWN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1992, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months based on discipline imposed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for conduct that in New Jersey violates RPC 1.1 (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) and (b) (failure to communicate with client), RPC 1.15(a) (failure to safeguard trust funds), RPC 1.16(a)(1) (representation of client inn violation of the RPCs), RPC 1.16(d) (failure to protect client's interests upon termination of representation), RPC 5.5(b) (unauthorized practice of law), RPC 7.1(a) (false or misleading communications about the lawyer), RPC 7.5(a) (false or misleading firm name and letterhead), RPC 8.4(a) (violation of the RPCs), RPC 8.4 (b) (commission of criminal act that reflects adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer), and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And **ALEX KATZ** having failed to appear on the Order to Show Cause issued in this matter;

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

And good cause appearing;

ORDER

It is ORDERED that **ALEX KATZ** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years and until the further Order of the Court, effective October 8, 2007; and it is further

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

ORDERED that pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) and <u>RPC</u> 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 11th day of September, 2007.

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

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

