

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-117 September Term 2014
075883

IN THE MATTER OF :
LEE D. GOTTESMAN, :
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :
(Attorney No. 016721981) :

FILED

ORDER JUL 16 2015


CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 14-341, concluding that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(c), LEE D. GOTTESMAN of TOMS RIVER, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1981, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(b)(1) since May 13, 2013, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, based on respondent's guilty plea in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey to tax evasion, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201, and willful failure to pay payroll taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7202, conduct that violates RPC 8.4(b) (criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyers' honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer), and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that the term of suspension should be retroactive to May 13, 2013, the date of the respondent's temporary suspension from practice;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that LEE D. GOTTESMAN is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, retroactive to May 13, 2013, and until further Order of the Court, and it is

further

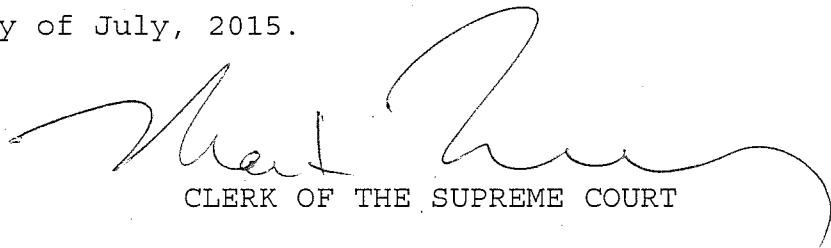
ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

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 in 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 14th day of July, 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