

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-41 September Term 2004

IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT J. HANDFUSS,

ORDER

AN ATTORNEY AT LAW

(Attorney No. 021191983) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 04-260, concluding that ROBERT J. HANDFUSS of MATAWAN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1983, and who thereafter was suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective November 2, 2001, by Order of the Court filed October 5, 2001, and who remains suspended at this time, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for violating RPC 1.15(b) (failure to promptly deliver funds to a third person) and RPC 8.1(b) (failure to reply to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority); and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that ROBERT J. HANDFUSS 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 robert J. Handfuss continue to be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of his suspension, and that he continue to 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 respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight

Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred in the

prosecution of this matter; 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.

WITNESS, the Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 26th day of January, 2005.

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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