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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-240 September Term 2001

IN THE MATTER OF :  
THOMAS F. CERMACK, JR., :  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :  
(Attorney No. 028581980) :

O R D E R

This matter having been duly presented to the Court pursuant to R. 1:20-10(b), following a motion for discipline by consent of THOMAS F. CERMACK, JR., of HAWTHORN, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1980;

And the Disciplinary Review Board and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which it was agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) (failure to keep client reasonably informed), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to explain matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit client to make an informed decision), RPC 1.15(d) (failure to comply with recordkeeping requirements), RPC 1.16(d) (failure to protect clients interests on termination of representation), RPC 5.5(b) (assisting in the unauthorized practice of law), RPC 8.4(a) (knowingly assisting another to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct), RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice) and Rule 1:20-20(a) (prohibited association with suspended attorney);

And the parties having agreed that respondent's conduct violated RPC 1.3, RPC 1.4(a), RPC 1.4(b), RPC 1.15(d), RPC 1.16(d), RPC 5.5(b), RPC 8.4(a), 8.4(d) and Rule 12:20-20(a) and that said conduct warrants either a three-month or a six-month term of suspension;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that a six-month term of suspension is the appropriate discipline for respondent's ethics violations and having granted the motion for discipline by consent;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having submitted the record of the proceedings to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the entry of an order of discipline in accordance with Rule 1:20-16(e);

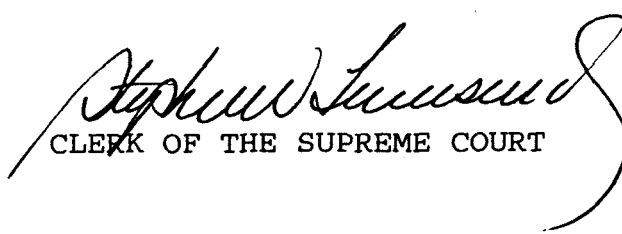
And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that THOMAS F. CERMACK, JR., of HAWTHORN is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months effective January 6, 2003; 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 incurred in the prosecution of this matter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Deborah T. Poritz, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 10th day of December, 2002.

  
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