

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-123 September Term 2001

IN THE MATTER OF :
ROBERT E. RIVA, :
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :
(Attorney No. 009101979) :

FILED ORDER

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Regina J. ...
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 01-157, recommending that ROBERT E. RIVA of SHORT HILLS, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1979, be disbarred for the knowing misappropriation of escrow funds, in violation of RPC 1.15(a), and ROBERT E. RIVA having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that ROBERT E. RIVA be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by ROBERT E. RIVA, pursuant to Rule 1:21-6, shall be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further Order of this Court, 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 ROBERT E. RIVA be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; 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 9th day of May, 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