

IN THE MATTER OF
CHIRAYU A. PATEL,
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW
(Attorney No. 031521996)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 16-390, recommending that **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** of **PARK RIDGE**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1996, and who has been temporarily suspended by consent from the practice of law by Order of this Court filed December 5, 2012, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.15(a), the principles of In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979) and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985) (knowing misappropriation of trust and escrow funds), RPC 1.15(b) (failure to promptly deliver funds to a client or third party having an interest in the funds), RPC 8.1(b) (knowingly making false statements of material fact to a disciplinary authority), RPC 8.4(b) (engaging in criminal conduct that reflects adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer), and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** having been ordered to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And the Court being in agreement with the decision of the Disciplinary Review Board with the exception of the Board's characterization that respondent's fraudulent scheme was a "Ponzi" scheme;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** be disbarred, effective

immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6, which were restrained from disbursement by Order of the Court filed December 5, 2012, 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

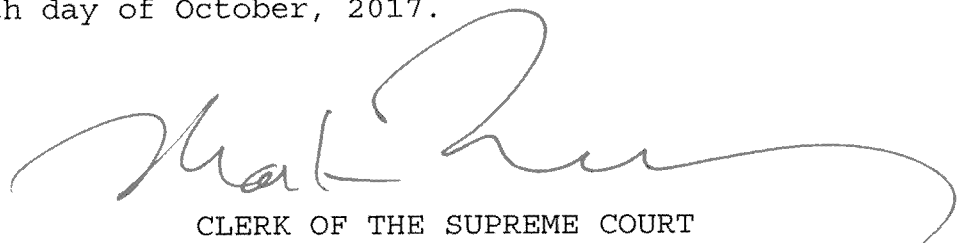
ORDERED that **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that **CHIRAYU A. PATEL** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; 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 October, 2017.



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