

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

D-180 September Term 2017

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In the Matter of

Christie-Lynn Nicholson,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 025901999)

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ORDER

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 18-037, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Christie-Lynn Nicholson**, formerly of **Paulsboro**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2000, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since May 3, 2017, be disbarred, the Disciplinary Review Board finding that respondent violated the principles of In re Siegel, 133 N.J. 162 (1992) (knowing misappropriation of law firm funds); RPC 1.1(a)(gross neglect); RPC 1.1(b)(pattern of neglect); RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence); RPC 1.4 (b) (failure to communicate with client); RPC 1.4(c)(failure to explain a matter to a client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation); RPC 1.5(a) (unreasonable fee); RPC 1.5(b)(failure to set forth in writing the basis or rate of a fee); RPC 1.8 (a) (impermissible business transaction with a client); RPC 1.15(d)(recordkeeping);

RPC 3.4(g)(presenting, participating in presenting, or threatening to present criminal charges to obtain an improper advantage in a civil matter); RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities); RPC 8.4(b)(commission of criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects; RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And **Christie-Lynn Nicholson** having failed to appear on the Order directing her to show cause why she should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Christie-Lynn Nicholson** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that her name be stricken from the roll of attorneys;

ORDERED that **Christie-Lynn Nicholson** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

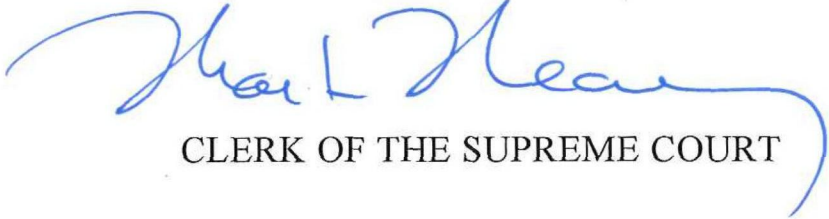
ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **Christie-Lynn Nicholson** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending the further Order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that **Christie-Lynn Nicholson** 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 9th day of October, 2018.


CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT