


SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-154 September Term 2017
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In the Matter of	:	FILED	
Neil S. Bhatia,	:	OCT 31 2018	ORDER
An Attorney At Law	:		
(Attorney No. 044352003)	:	CLERK	

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 17-451, concluding that as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13, **Neil S. Bhatia of Greenwich, Connecticut**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2003, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months based on respondent's plea of guilty in California to misdemeanor battery, conduct that constitutes a violation of RPC 8.4(b) (criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Neil S. Bhatia** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective November 29, 2018, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent 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(d); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to Rule 1:10-2; 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 30th day of October, 2018.


CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT