SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-67 September Term 2018

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In the Matter of

Victor K. Rabbat,

An Attorney At Law

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(Attorney No. 033911984)

ORDER

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 18-242, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent), that Victor K. Rabbat, formerly of Totowa, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1984, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since April 8, 2017, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.15(a)(failure to safekeep property of clients and third persons), RPC 3.4(c)(knowingly disobeying a court order - to hold funds in trust), RPC 8.1(b) failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), RPC 8.4(b)(commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects), RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), RPC 8.4(d)(engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and N.J.S.A. 2C:21-15(misapplication of entrusted property), and the principles of In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979) and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985)

(involving the knowing misappropriation of client and escrow funds);

And Victor K. Rabbat having failed to appear on the Order directing him to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that Victor K. Rabbat be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that Victor K. Rabbat 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 **Victor K. Rabbat** pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 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 **Victor K. Rabbat** comply with <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 26th day of March, 2019.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT