

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-159 September Term 2018
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In the Matter of :
 :
Laura M. Rys, : **FILED**
 : **JAN 31 2020** **ORDER**
 : *Heather J. Salem*
An Attorney At Law : **CLERK**
 :
(Attorney No. 012381993) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-026, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(f)(default by respondent) that **Laura M. Rys**, formerly of **Far Hills**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1993, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since April 25, 2016, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months for violating RPC 1.15(d)(recordkeeping violations), RPC 3.3(a)(5)(failure to disclose a material fact to a tribunal knowing that its omission is reasonably certain to mislead the tribunal), RPC 5.5(a)(1)(unauthorized practice of law – practicing law while ineligible to do so), RPC 8.1(a)(false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter), RPC 8.1(b)(failure to reply to reasonable demand for information from a disciplinary authority), RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and

RPC 8.4(d)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that prior to reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent should be required to complete six hours of continuing legal education courses in attorney ethics, beyond the hours for CLE compliance and provide proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics of her completion thereof;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Laura M. Rys** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective immediately, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent shall successfully complete six credits of courses in professional responsibility, which shall be beyond the hours required for New Jersey CLE compliance and approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall remain suspended from the practice of law pursuant to the Order of this Court filed March 24, 2016, and pending her compliance with the determination of the District XIII Fee Arbitration determination in District Docket NO. XIII-2015-0450F, payment of sanction to the Disciplinary Oversight Committee, and until the further Order of the Court;

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 28th day of January, 2020.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT