

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-79 September Term 2019
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In the Matter of
Michael S. Garofalo,
An Attorney At Law
(Attorney No. 023021998)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-189, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4 (f) (default by respondent) that **Michael S. Garofalo**, formerly of **Sandyston**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1998, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since June 6, 2017, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) and RPC 8.4(d)(engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Michael S. Garofalo** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately; 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 **Michael S. Garofalo** remained suspended from practice pursuant to the Order of this Court filed June 6, 2017, and until the further Order of the Court; 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 19th day of May, 2020.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT