

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-111 September Term 2019  
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In the Matter of

Laura M. Rys,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 012381993)

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**FILED** ORDER

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*Heather J. Butler*  
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-299, 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 practice for a period of one year for violating RPC 1.15(b)(failure to promptly disburse funds to a client), RPC 1.15(d) (recordkeeping deficiencies), RPC 8.1(a)(false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter), RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), and RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that the period of suspension should be consecutive to the six-month suspension ordered by the Court effective January 31, 2020;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Laura M. Rys** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective August 1, 2020; 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 Laura M. Rys remain suspended from practice pursuant to the Orders of this Court filed March 24, 2016, and January 31, 2020, pending her compliance 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker".

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**