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In the Matter of

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Barry J. Beran,

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An Attorney At Law

(Heather & Bate

ORDER

(Attorney No. 019301980)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-339, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent) that Barry J. Beran of Cherry Hill, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1981, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since April 10, 2020, by Order of this Court filed March 13, 2020, should be suspended from practice for a period of three years for violating RPC 1.3(lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b)(failure to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply with reasonable requests for information), RPC 1.4(c)(failure to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding representation), and RPC 8.1(b)(failure to reply to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Barry J. Beran** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, effective immediately and until the further

Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>RPC</u> 8.1(b) and <u>RPC</u> 8.4(d); and (3) provide a basis for an action for contempt pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 22nd day of September, 2020.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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