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In the Matter of

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Thomas Ludwig,

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ORDER

An Attorney At Law

: CHeather & Bola

(Attorney No. 021511978)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-413, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent) that **Thomas Ludwig** of **Ridgewood**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1978, should be suspended from practice for a period of three months for violating RPC 3.4(c)(knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), and RPC 8.4(d)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Thomas Ludwig** be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective January 8, 2021, 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 8th day of December, 2020.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Heather Saken