

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-148 September Term 2019  
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In the Matter of :  
:  
Benjamin Morton, :  
:  
An Attorney At Law :  
:  
(Attorney No.050681998) :

**FILED**  
JAN 14 2021  
*Neathen J. Baker*  
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**ORDER**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 19-353, concluding that **Benjamin Morton** of Newark, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1998, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.5(a)(unreasonable fee), RPC 1.16(a)(1)(prohibited representation), RPC 5.5(a)(unauthorized practice of law), and RPC 7.1(a)(1)(false or misleading communications to a client);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that respondent should return the sum of \$5,795 to T.M. within sixty days;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Benjamin Morton** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective February 10, 2021, and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that **Benjamin Morton** shall refund the sum of \$5,795 to

client T.M. within sixty days after the filing date of this Order; 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 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 12th day of January, 2021.



**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**