

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-174 September Term 2020
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In the Matter of

Gareth David DeSantiago-Keene,

An Attorney At Law

(Attorney No. 200011980)

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FILED ORDER

MAR 25 2022

Heather J. Bales
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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 21-026, concluding that **Gareth David DeSantiago-Keene** of **New Milford**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1980, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.15 (d) (failure to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), RPC 5.5 (a) (2) (assisting another in the unauthorized practice of law), and RPC 8.4 (d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Gareth David DeSantiago-Keene** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, effective April 25, 2022, and until the further Order of the Court; 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 22nd day of March, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather J. Baker".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT