

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-80 September Term 2021
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In the Matter of :
Michele S. Austin, :
An Attorney At Law :
(Attorney No. 039382008) :

FILED
OCT 27 2022 **ORDER**
Heather J. Salen
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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 21-248, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4 (f) (default by respondent) that **Michele S. Austin**, formerly of **Hackensack**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2009, and who has been suspended from practice since March 11, 2021, should be censured for her violation of RPC 8.1 (b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) and RPC 8.4 (d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Court having determined from its review of the matter that a reprimand is the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical conduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Michele S. Austin** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that **Michele S. Austin** remain suspended from practice pursuant to the Orders of this Court and that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; 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 19th day of October, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed title.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT