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In the Matter of

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Mark William Ford,

ORDER

An Attorney At Law

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(Attorney No. 034061982)

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The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 21-268, concluding that **Mark William Ford** of **Gloucester City**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1983, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for unethical conduct in violation of RPC 3.1 (commencing a proceeding without a basis in law or fact), RPC 3.3(a)(1) (making a false statement of material fact to a tribunal), and RPC 8.4 (c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board further having determined that on respondent's reinstatement to the practice of law, he should be required to practice under supervision for a period of two years;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Mark William Ford** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, and until the further Order of the Court, effective January 9, 2023; and it is further

ORDERED that on reinstatement to practice, respondent shall practice under the supervision of a practicing attorney approved by the Office of

Attorney Ethics, for a period of two years 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 Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 6th day of December, 2022.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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