

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-131 September Term 2021  
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In the Matter of :  
:  
Neal E. Brunson, :  
:  
An Attorney At Law :  
:  
(Attorney No. 044231987) :

**FILED** ORDER  
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*Heather J. Sale*  
CLERK

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 22-015 and DRB 22-075, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f)(default by respondent) that **Neal E. Brunson** of **Rutherford**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since July 22, 2021, should be suspended from practice for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.15(d)(failure to comply with recordkeeping requirements), RPC 8.1(b)(failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), RPC 8.4(b)(commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects), and RPC 8.4(c)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that respondent should not be reinstated to practice until he complies with the fee arbitration determination in Docket No. IIB-2019-0015F or reimburses the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection for any claim associated with that determination paid on his behalf;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Neal E. Brunson** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until the further Order of the Court,

effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall remain suspended from the practice of law and shall not be reinstated to practice until he complies with the fee arbitration determination in Docket No. IIB-2019-0015F or reimburses the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection for any associated claim paid on his behalf; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent continued to 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.



**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**