

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

D-52 September Term 2022

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In the Matter of :

Matthew D. Rasmussen :

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An Attorney at Law :

Heather J. Selen
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(Attorney No. 039012012) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court, its decision in DRB 22-176, recommending on the records certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Matthew D. Rasmussen** formerly of **Freehold**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2012, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since March 17, 2022, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (two instances -- failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply with reasonable requests for information), RPC 1.15(a) (two instances -- failing to safeguard client funds) and the principles of In re Wilson, 81 N.J. 451 (1979) (two instances -- knowing misappropriation of client funds), and In re Hollendonner, 102 N.J. 21 (1985) (two instances -- knowing misappropriation of escrow funds), RPC 1.15(b) (two instances -- failing to promptly deliver funds to client), RPC 1.15(c) (failing to provide an accounting to a client when separating funds in which both the client and the attorney claim interests), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6)), RPC 8.1(a) (two instances --

making a false statement of material fact in a disciplinary matter), RPC 8.1(b) (two instances -- failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), and RPC 8.4(c) (two instances -- engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that respondent relinquish control of any physical property belonging to the Estate of Solange Saka, which he may still possess, and which respondent was obligated to ship to Israel;

And **Matthew D. Rasmussen** having failed to appear on the order directing him to show cause why he should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Matthew D. Rasmussen** be disbarred, effective immediately, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that **Matthew D. Rasmussen** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that **Matthew D. Rasmussen** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by Matthew D. Rasmussen pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement except on application to this Court, for good cause shown, and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that **Matthew D. Rasmussen** relinquish control of any physical property belonging to the Estate of Solange Saka, which he may still

possess, and which respondent was obligated to ship to Israel and that he shall comply with the terms of this order within 30 days; 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 1st day of June, 2023.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT