

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
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In the Matter of :
Robert Captain Leite :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 046422011) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 22-164, concluding that as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(a)(4), **Robert Captain Leite of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2012, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year based on discipline imposed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for unethical conduct that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.1(a) (three instances) (gross neglect), RPC 1.1(b) (pattern of neglect), RPC 1.3 (three instances) (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with the client), RPC 1.4(c) (failure to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions), RPC 1.5(b) (failure to set forth in writing the basis or rate of the fee), RPC 1.16(d) (upon termination of representation, failure to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, including by

refunding any unearned legal fee), RPC 4.1(a)(1) (false statement of material fact or law to a third person), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (three instances) (unauthorized practice of law), RPC 8.4(c) (three instances) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that prior to reinstatement to the practice of law in New Jersey, respondent shall provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics, (1) proof of his continued treatment for drug and alcohol addiction, and (2) proof of his fitness to practice law, as attested to by a medical doctor approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Robert Captain Leite** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until further Order of the Court, effective July 17, 2023; and it is further

ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to the practice of law in New Jersey, respondent shall provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics, (1) proof of his continued treatment for drug and alcohol addiction, and (2) proof of his fitness to practice law, as attested to by a medical doctor approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; 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
13th day of June, 2023.


CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT