

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-86 September Term 2022
088307

In the Matter of :
Stuart Thomas Cottee :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 016511999) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 22-232, concluding on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Stuart Thomas Cottee**, formerly of **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1999, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since October 12, 2021, should be censured for violating RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (two instances), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And the Court having determined in recent prior matters that the appropriate quantum of discipline under these circumstances is a reprimand, rather than a censure, see, e.g., In re Witherspoon, 253 N.J. 459 (2023) (imposing reprimand on respondent who violated RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(d)

by failing to comply with Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) where matter was certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) as a default); In re Brunson, 253 N.J. 325 (2023) (same); In re Austin, D-80-21, ___ N.J. ___ (2022) (same); In re Ziegler, D-42-21, ___ N.J. ___ (2022) (same); In re Saunders, D-47-21, ___ N.J. ___ (2022) (same); In re Stack, D-56-21, ___ N.J. ___, (2022) (same); In re Spielberg, D-58-21, ___ N.J. ___ (2022) (same);

And the Court having determined from its review of the matter, and in accordance with the authority listed above, that a reprimand is the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical conduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Stuart Thomas Cottee** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that **Stuart Thomas Cottee** remain suspended from practice pursuant to the Order of this Court filed September 13, 2021, 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, 2023.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT