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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-103 September Term 2022 088490

In the Matter of David E. Gray An Attorney at Law

ORDER

(Attorney No. 019492003) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-039, recommending that **David E. Gray** of **Lake Hopatcong**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2003, should be suspended for three months for violating RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter), RPC 1.15(a) (failing to safeguard client funds and engaging in negligent misappropriation of client funds) (two instances), RPC 1.15(b) (failing to promptly notify a client of receipt of funds in which the client has an interest and failing to promptly deliver funds to a client) (two instances), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of <u>Rule</u> 1:21-(6)), RPC 1.17(c)(3) (engaging in the improper purchase of a law office), and RPC 5.3(a) and (b) (failing to supervise a nonlawyer assistant);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further determined that prior to reinstatement, respondent should provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics proof of a completed recordkeeping course pre-approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and following reinstatement, respondent should provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics monthly reconciliations of respondent's attorney accounts, on a quarterly basis, for a two-year period;

And the Court having determined that a censure is the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical conduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that David E. Gray is hereby censured; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within sixty days of this order, proof of a completed recordkeeping course preapproved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; 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 31st day of October, 2023.

Heather Bate

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT