

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-20 September Term 2023
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In the Matter of :
William J. Kohlhepp :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 002871974) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-128, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **William J. Kohlhepp** of **Somerset**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1974, should be censured for violating RPC 1.7(a)(2) (engaging in a concurrent conflict of interest), RPC 1.8(a) (engaging in an improper business transaction with a client), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within sixty days of the Court's order, that respondent has disbursed all funds remaining in respondent's attorney trust account to respondent's clients, or alternatively, placed them with the Superior Court Trust Fund, in accordance with Rule

1:21-6(j);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **William J. Kohlhepp** is hereby censured; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within sixty days of this order, that respondent has disbursed all funds remaining in respondent's attorney trust account to respondent's clients or, alternatively, placed them with the Superior Court Trust Fund, in accordance with Rule 1:21-6(j); 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 2nd day of February, 2024.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT