

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-31 September Term 2023
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In the Matter of :
Christopher Santo Lipari :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 019091997) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-110, recommending that **Christopher Santo Lipari of Pleasantville**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1997, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect), RPC 1.7(a)(2) (engaging in a concurrent conflict of interest), RPC 3.3(a)(1) (making a false statement of material fact to a tribunal), RPC 3.3(a)(5) (failing to disclose a material fact to a tribunal, knowing that the omission is reasonably certain to mislead the tribunal), RPC 4.2 (communicating with a person represented by counsel), RPC 4.3 (failing to correct an unrepresented person's misunderstanding of the lawyer's role when dealing with the person on a client's behalf), RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the

administration of justice), and RPC 8.4(e) (stating or implying an ability to improperly influence a government agency or official or to achieve results by means that violate the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Christopher Santo Lipari** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months and until further order of the Court, effective March 8, 2024; 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 2nd day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT