

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**D-11 September Term 2022**  
**087541**

**In the Matter of** :  
**John Charles Allen** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 050991994)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its consolidated decision in DRB 22-104, DRB 22-121, DRB 22-124, and DRB 22-125, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **John Charles Allen**, formerly of **New Brunswick**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1995, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since July 6, 2021, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.1(a) (committing gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence) (four instances), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply with reasonable requests for information) (four instances), RPC 1.5(a) (charging an unreasonable fee -- performing no work on a matter), RPC 1.16(a)(2) (failing to withdraw from

representation if the lawyer's physical or mental condition materially impairs the lawyer's ability to represent the client), RPC 1.16(a)(3) (failing to withdraw from representation despite being discharged by the client), RPC 1.16(d) (upon termination of the representation, failing to refund any advance payment of a fee that has not been earned or incurred) (four instances), RPC 3.2 (failing to expedite litigation), RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (eight instances), RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) (two instances);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent should disgorge to respondent's three clients the entire fee of \$250 in the Kruh matter, \$2,500 in the Afyouni matter, and \$1,600 in the Fladger matter, paid by each client;

And **John Charles Allen**, having been ordered to show cause why respondent should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **John Charles Allen** be disbarred, effective

immediately, and that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that **John Charles Allen** be and hereby is permanently restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall disgorge to respondent's three clients the entire fee of \$250 in the Kruh matter, \$2,500 in the Afyouni matter and \$1,600 in the Fladger matter, paid by the clients; and it is further

ORDERED that **John Charles Allen** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **John Charles Allen** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further order of the Court; 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 26th day of June, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather J. Bate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H".

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**