

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-97 September Term 2023  
089397**

**In the Matter of** :  
**William E. Gericke** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 057741993)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-246, recommending as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(a) that **William E. Gericke of West Chester, Pennsylvania**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1994, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year based on discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for unethical conduct that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.8(b) (engaging in a conflict of interest by using information relating to the representation of a client to the client's disadvantage without informed consent), RPC 4.1(a)(1) (knowingly making a false statement of material fact or law to a third person), and RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **William E. Gericke** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, and until further order of the Court, effective

August 21, 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  
11th day of July, 2024.



**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**