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In the Matter of :

Annmarie P. Smits :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 022371994) :

This matter having been duly presented pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-10(b), following a granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 22-211 of **Annmarie P. Smits** of **Wayne**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1994;

And the Office of Attorney Ethics and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which the parties agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.15(a) (negligently misappropriating client funds) and RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), and that respondent's conduct warrants a reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Board deems appropriate;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that respondent's conduct violated RPC 1.15(a) and RPC 1.15(d), and that a reprimand is the

appropriate discipline for respondent's unethical conduct;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having granted the motion for discipline by consent in District Docket Nos. XIV-2020-0299E and XI-2022-0900E, and having submitted the record of the proceedings to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the entry of an order of discipline in accordance with <u>Rule</u> 1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Annmarie P. Smits** of **Wayne** is hereby reprimanded; 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 13th day of August, 2024.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT