

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-132 September Term 2021
087406**

In the Matter of :
Steven R. Lehr :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 024771988) :

O R D E R

This matter having been duly presented pursuant to Rule 1:20-10(b), following a granting of a motion for discipline by consent in DRB 22-019 of **Steven R. Lehr** of **West Caldwell**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1988;

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 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information), RPC 1.4(c) (failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation), RPC 1.5(a) (engaging in fee overreaching), and RPC 8.4(d)

(engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and that respondent's conduct warrants a censure or such lesser discipline as the Board deems appropriate;

And the Disciplinary Review Board having determined that respondent violated RPC 1.4(b) (nine instances), RPC 1.4(c) (generally, in all client matters in which he committed fee overreaching, and specifically, in connection with the Paylor-Koffi matter), RPC 1.5(a) (sixteen instances), and RPC 8.4(d) (two instances), and that a censure 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 No. XIV-2017-0366E, 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 Rule 1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Steven R. Lehr** is hereby censured; 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT