

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-111 September Term 2023
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In the Matter of :
John J. Collins :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 017662004) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-280, recommending that **John J. Collins** of **Jersey City**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2005, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months for violating RPC 1.15(a) (commingling), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (practicing law while suspended), 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);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **John J. Collins** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months and until further order of the Court, effective October 24, 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
17th day of September, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT