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In the Matter of :

Michael T. Rave :

ORDER

An Attorney At Law :

(Attorney No. 059151994) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-218, recommending as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(c)(2), that Michael T. Rave of Pennsville, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1995, should be disciplined following respondent's guilty plea and conviction in the Superior Court of New Jersey for third-degree endangering the welfare of a child by possessing items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(5)(b)(iii), and fourth-degree criminal sexual contact with a minor, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3(b), and for violating RPC 8.4(b) (committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects); and

Respondent having been ordered to show cause why respondent should

not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined; and

The Court having determined from its review of the matter that the appropriate quantum of discipline for respondent's unethical conduct is an indeterminate suspension pursuant to Rule 1:20-15A(a)(2);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Michael T. Rave** is hereby suspended from the practice of law for an indeterminate period pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 1:20-15A(a)(2), effective October 30, 2024, and until the further order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall not petition for reinstatement to practice for a period of five years following the effective date of the indeterminate suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with <u>Rule</u> 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 30th day of September, 2024.

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT** 

Heather Baken