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In the Matter of :

Kevin R. Shannon :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 026371994) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 04-092, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Kevin R. Shannon**, formerly of **Absecon**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1994, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since October 21, 2003, should be reprimanded for violating RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.5(b) (failing to communicate in writing the basis or rate of the fee), RPC 1.16(d) (failing to protect a client's interest upon termination of representation), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities); and

The Court having imposed a temporary suspension on respondent in a separate matter in connection with District Docket No. XIV-2003-0065E, which suspension remains in place; and

Respondent having represented at various stages of the proceedings since 2002 that he was "leaving the practice of law," "no longer maintain[s] an office," "closed his law office and withdrew from the practice of law in May 2002," and "does not intend to return to the practice of law"; and

In light of the unique circumstances presented here, including but not limited to the passage of time, respondent's service in the military during the pendency of these proceedings, his ongoing temporary suspension, and his departure from the profession;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that this matter is dismissed without prejudice to the Office of Attorney Ethics filing a motion to reopen in the event that respondent seeks reentry to the profession.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 15th day of October, 2024.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT