

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-19 September Term 2024
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In the Matter of :
Darryl George Smith :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 021791996) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-106, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Darryl George Smith of East Rutherford**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1997, should be suspended for three months for violating RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.16(d) (failing to protect the client’s interests and to refund unearned portion of a fee upon termination of representation), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (two instances);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Darryl George Smith** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, and until further order of the Court, effective February 16, 2025; 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 14th day of January, 2025.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT