

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-25 September Term 2024  
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**In the Matter of** :  
**Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 043212009)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-108, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.**, formerly of **Jersey City**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2009, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since August 21, 2023, should be suspended for three months for violating RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter), RPC 1.4(c) (failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions about the representation), RPC 3.2 (failing to expedite litigation), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities);

And the Disciplinary Review Board further having recommended that

respondent be required to practice law under the supervision of a proctor for a minimum two-year period;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months, and until further order of the Court, effective immediately; and it is further

ORDERED that upon reinstatement respondent shall practice law under the supervision of a proctor for a period of two years; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall remain suspended from the practice of law pursuant to the orders filed on July 21, 2023, October 18, 2023, January 2, 2024, and February 12, 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 14th day of January, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "B".

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**