

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-18 September Term 2024  
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**In the Matter of** :  
**Bartholomew Baffuto** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 027751990)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-092, recommending that **Bartholomew Baffuto of Toms River**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1990, should be censured for violating RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to communicate with a client), RPC 1.4(c) (failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation), RPC 3.2 (failing to expedite litigation), RPC 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (practicing law while administratively ineligible), and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); and

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Bartholomew Baffuto** is hereby censured; 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 cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker".

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**