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In the Matter of :

George L. Rodriguez :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 010031981) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-032, recommending as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(c)(2) that George L. Rodriguez, formerly of Bedminster, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1981, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since February 2, 2023, should be suspended for a period of three years, retroactive to February 2, 2023, following respondent's guilty plea and convictions in the Superior Court of New Jersey for second-degree vehicular homicide, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-5(a), third-degree causing death while driving with a suspended license, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:40-22(a), fourth-degree operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license knowing that his license had been suspended for a second or subsequent conviction for driving while intoxicated, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:40-26(b), third-degree insurance fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A.

2C:21-4.6(a), and third-degree vehicle title fraud, in violation of N.J.S.A.

2C:21-4.8(b)(1), 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 good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **George L. Rodriguez** is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, retroactive to February 2, 2023, and until further order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall provide to the Office of Attorney

Ethics proof of respondent's fitness to practice law, as attested to by a medical
doctor approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, prior to reinstatement; 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 <u>Rule</u> 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of <u>Rule</u> 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 11th day of March, 2025.

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT** 

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