

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-63 September Term 2024
090299**

In the Matter of :
Frances Ann Hartman :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 026511984) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its consolidated decision in DRB 24-180 and DRB 24-245, recommending on the records certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Frances Ann Hartman**, formerly of **Moorestown**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1984, and who has been temporarily suspended since July 2, 2024, should be suspended for three months for violating RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (four instances); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that prior to reinstatement, respondent be required to provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with proof of fitness to practice law, as attested to by a medical doctor approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Frances Ann Hartman** is hereby 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 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 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 25th day of March, 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 a distinct "J" before the last name.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT