SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY D-54/D-55 September Term 2024 090226 and 090228

ORDER

In the Matter of	:
Nathaniel Martin Davis	:
An Attorney at Law	:
(Attorney No. 025241995)	:

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its consolidated decision in DRB 24-162 and DRB 24-189, recommending that Nathaniel Martin Davis of Maplewood, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1996, should be suspended for one year for violating RPC 1.2(a) (failing to abide by the client's decisions concerning the scope and objectives of the representation), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply with reasonable requests for information) (two instances), RPC 4.1(a)(1) (making a false statement of fact or law to a third person), RPC 1.15(a) (engaging in negligent misappropriation of client funds), RPC 1.15(b) (failing to timely disburse funds to clients or third parties), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (engaging in the unauthorized practice of law), RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (two instances), and RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct

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involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation) (two instances); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended (1) that respondent be required to comply with all previous conditions imposed by the Court and provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with full financial records from June 6, 2020, through the present, prior to reinstatement; and (2) that respondent's reinstatement should be conditioned upon a detailed certification, submitted to the Court by the Office of Attorney Ethics, reporting respondent's compliance with the Court's order in <u>In re Davis</u>, 242 N.J. 141 (2020) and <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Nathaniel Martin Davis** is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year, and until further order of the Court, effective April 26, 2025; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall comply with all previous conditions imposed by the Court and provide the Office of Attorney Ethics with full financial records from June 6, 2020, through the present, prior to reinstatement; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent's reinstatement shall be conditioned upon a detailed certification, submitted to the Court by the Office of Attorney Ethics, reporting respondent's compliance with the Court's order in <u>In re Davis</u>, 242

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N.J. 141 (2020) and <u>Rule</u> 1:21-6; 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 25th day of March, 2025.

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT