

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-81 September Term 2024
090509**

In the Matter of :

Russell F. Romond :

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An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 325212021) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-226, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Russell F. Romond of Wayne**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2021, should be censured for violating RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (two instances); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to (1) disgorge the fee charged for any work pertaining to the installment contract, (2) disgorge any funds respondent is holding related to the sale of the estate property, and (3) release any documentation respondent possesses concerning the installment contract and trust

investments;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Russell F. Romond** is hereby censured; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall disgorge the fee charged for any work pertaining to the installment contract and any funds respondent is holding related to the sale of the estate property, and release any documents concerning the installment contract and trust investments; 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 28th day of May, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT