D-96/D-97 September Term 2024 090609 and 090610

In the Matter of :

Bruce K. Warren, Jr. :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 018772002) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its consolidated decision in DRB 24-277 and DRB 24-279, recommending that **Bruce K. Warren, Jr.** of **Westville**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2002, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three months for violating RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence) (two instances), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to communicate with a client) (two instances), 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), and RPC 3.2 (failing to treat all persons involved in the legal process with courtesy and consideration); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to disgorge \$1,500 to respondent's former client, referred to as M.D. in the Board's decision, within thirty days of the Court's order;

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And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Bruce K. Warren, Jr.** is hereby suspended for a period of three months, and until further order of the Court, effective October 11, 2025; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall disgorge \$1,500 to respondent's former client, referred to as M.D. in the Board's decision, within thirty days; 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 3rd day of September, 2025.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Heather Saken