

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-100 September Term 2024
090646**

In the Matter of :
Zhiyu Hu :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 005861994) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-260, recommending on the basis of a disciplinary stipulation that **Zhiyu Hu of Edison**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1994, should be censured for violating RPC 1.5(b) (failing to set forth, in writing, the basis or rate of the legal fee) (twelve instances), RPC 1.5(c) (failing to provide a written fee agreement in a contingent fee case), RPC 1.15(a) (commingling client and escrow funds with personal funds), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to demonstrate to the Office of Attorney Ethics that all outstanding deficiencies have been corrected and that the inactive and

unidentified balances in respondent's attorney trust account have been rectified by disbursing the funds to the entitled parties or the Superior Court Trust Fund, within ninety days of the Court's order; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to (1) complete, by a date determined by the Office of Attorney Ethics, a recordkeeping course approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics and submit proof of completion within fifteen days of attendance, and (2) submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly three-way reconciliations, for a period of two years;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Zhiyu Hu** is hereby censured; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall demonstrate to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within ninety days, that all outstanding deficiencies have been corrected and that inactive and unidentified balances in respondent's attorney trust account have been rectified by disbursing the funds to the entitled parties or the Superior Court Trust Fund; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall complete a recordkeeping course approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics within six months; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall submit to the Office of Attorney

Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly three-way reconciliations, for two years;
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
3rd day of September, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" and last name "Baker" clearly legible, and "J." as a middle initial.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT