D-111/D-112 September Term 2024 090730 and 090731

In the Matter of

:

Chadwick L. Hooker :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law

(Attorney No. 159232015)

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its consolidated decision in DRB 24-273 and DRB 24-301, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that Chadwick L. Hooker, formerly of Mount Laurel, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2015 and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since March 21, 2024, 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), RPC 1.16(d) (failing to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interest upon termination of representation), RPC. 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (four instances), and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that

respondent be required to disgorge \$2,000 to respondent's former client,

Quivine E. Crudup, within sixty days of the Court's order;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that Chadwick L. Hooker is hereby censured; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall disgorge \$2,000 to respondent's former client, Quivine E. Crudup, within sixty days; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall remain suspended from the practice of law pursuant to the orders filed on March 21, 2024 and February 24, 2025; 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 30th day of September, 2025.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT