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In the Matter of :

Barbara K. Lewinson :

ORDER

An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 019021981) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 24-274, recommending on the basis of a disciplinary stipulation that **Barbara K. Lewinson** of **Monroe Township**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1981, should be reprimanded for violating RPC 1.1(a) (committing gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter), 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 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); and

Respondent, respondent's counsel, and the Office of Attorney Ethics having signed a disciplinary stipulation in which they agreed, as relevant here, that respondent would provide proof within thirty days of the Court's order (1)

that the Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) in the <u>French</u> matter has been resolved or respondent has withdrawn from that representation, and (2) that respondent filed a Certification of Retirement with the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to (1) submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics, within thirty days of the Court's order, that the QDRO in the French matter has been finalized or that respondent has withdrawn from the representation, and (2) thereafter, file a Certification of Retirement with the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Barbara K. Lewinson** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that, in accordance with the disciplinary stipulation, respondent shall (1) submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics within thirty days that the QDRO in the <u>French</u> matter has been finalized or that respondent has withdrawn from the representation, and (2) thereafter, file a Certification of Retirement with the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection; and it is further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 16th day of October, 2025.

Heather Saken

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT