

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-129 September Term 2024
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In the Matter of :
Garrett A. Lardiere :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 267331973) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-022, recommending on the basis of a disciplinary stipulation that **Garrett A. Lardiere of Lakewood**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1973 and retired on January 8, 2021, should be suspended from the practice of law for two years for violating RPC 1.7(a) (engaging in a concurrent conflict of interest), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), RPC 5.4(a) (sharing fees with a nonlawyer), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent's two-year suspension should be deferred until such time as respondent seeks to resume the practice of law; and

The Disciplinary Board having further recommended that, prior to any

reinstatement to the practice of law from the deferred suspension, respondent be required to (1) complete a course in trust and business accounting approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and (2) provide proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics that respondent has corrected all deficiencies identified in the disciplinary stipulation; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that, following any reinstatement to the practice of law from the deferred suspension, respondent be required to 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 **Garrett A. Lardiere** is suspended from the practice of law for two years, and the suspension is deferred until such time as respondent seeks to resume the practice of law; and it is further

ORDERED that if respondent determines to resume the practice of law, respondent shall immediately inform the Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Director of the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further

ORDERED that, prior to reinstatement from the deferred suspension, respondent shall complete a trust and business accounting course approved by

the Office of Attorney Ethics and submit proof to the Office of Attorney Ethics that all deficiencies identified in the disciplinary stipulation have been corrected; and it is further

ORDERED that, upon reinstatement from the deferred suspension, 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, on the commencement of the deferred suspension, respondent shall comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 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 Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 28th day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the title "CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT