

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-5 September Term 2025  
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**In the Matter of** :

**Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** :

**CORRECTED ORDER**

**An Attorney at Law** :

**(Attorney No. 043212009)** :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-095, recommending on the record certified to the Board pursuant to Rule 1:20-4(f) (default by respondent) that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.**, formerly of **Jersey City**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2009, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since August 21, 2023, be disbarred for violating RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect) (eleven instances), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence) (eleven instances), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to communicate with a client) (ten instances), RPC 1.16(d) (failing to refund an unearned legal fee upon termination of the representation) (twelve instances), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (practicing law while suspended) (eight instances), RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) (two instances), RPC 8.4(b) (committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty,

trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer) (nine instances), RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation) (eleven instances), and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) (six instances); and

**Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** having failed to appear on the order directing respondent to show cause why respondent should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** is hereby disbarred, effective immediately, and that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** be and hereby is restrained and enjoined from practicing law; and it is further

ORDERED that **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with disbarred attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that all funds, if any, currently existing or hereinafter deposited in any New Jersey financial institution maintained by **Santo V. Artusa, Jr.** pursuant to Rule 1:21-6 be restrained from disbursement and shall be transferred by the financial institution to the Clerk of the Superior Court,

who is directed to deposit the funds in the Superior Court Trust Fund pending further order of the Court; 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 5th day of January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather J. Bateman", is written over the printed title of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**