

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**D-150 September Term 2024**  
**091083**

**In the Matter of** :  
**Michael E. Adler** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 024371998)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-059, recommending as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(a) that **Michael E. Adler of Holland, Pennsylvania**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1998, should be suspended from the practice of law for three months based on discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for unethical conduct that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect), RPC 1.2(a) (failing to abide by the client's decisions concerning the scope and objectives of the representation), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence) (three instances), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply with reasonable requests for information) (three instances), 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) (three instances), RPC

1.16(a)(3) (failing to withdraw from the representation despite being discharged by the client), RPC 1.16(d) (failing to refund the unearned portion of the fee to the client upon termination of representation) (two instances), RPC 3.2 (failing to expedite litigation), and RPC 4.2 (engaging in improper communication with a person represented by counsel);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Michael E. Adler** is suspended from the practice of law for three months, and until further order of the Court, effective February 19, 2026; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent 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 13th day of January, 2026.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT