

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-37 September Term 2025  
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**In the Matter of** :  
**Christopher John Goodson** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 036281998)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-157, recommending as a matter of final discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-13(c)(2) that **Christopher John Goodson**, formerly of **Newark**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1999, and who has been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since October 10, 2018, should be suspended from the practice of law for three years, retroactive to October 10, 2018, following respondent's guilty plea and conviction in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, for one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344 and 1349, and for violating RPC 8.4(b) (committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer) and RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation); and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that as a

condition of reinstatement, respondent be required to demonstrate that respondent's restitution obligation has been fully satisfied or, alternatively, that respondent has complied with a recognized restitution repayment plan with the federal government; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that if respondent has not fully satisfied respondent's restitution obligation upon reinstatement, respondent be required to provide certifications to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, attesting to respondent's good-faith efforts to satisfy that obligation;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Christopher John Goodson** is suspended from the practice of law for three years, retroactive to October 10, 2018, and until further order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall, as a condition of reinstatement, demonstrate that respondent's restitution obligation has been fully satisfied or, alternatively, that respondent has complied with a recognized restitution repayment plan with the federal government; and it is further

ORDERED that if respondent's restitution obligation has not been fully satisfied upon reinstatement, respondent shall provide certifications to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, until respondent's restitution

obligation is fully satisfied, attesting to respondent's good-faith efforts to satisfy that obligation; 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 10th day of February, 2026.



**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**