

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-38 September Term 2025  
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**In the Matter of** :  
**Richard Joseph Vapnar** :  
**An Attorney at Law** :  
**(Attorney No. 025551999)** :

**O R D E R**

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-153, recommending that **Richard Joseph Vapnar**, formerly of **Maywood**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1999, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since December 15, 2017, by order filed November 17, 2017, should be admonished for violating RPC 1.1(a) (engaging in gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 1.4(b) (failing to communicate with a client), and RPC 1.16(d) (failing to protect the client's interests upon termination of the representation);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Richard Joseph Vapnar** is hereby admonished; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall remain suspended from the practice of

law pursuant to the order filed on November 17, 2017; 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 March, 2026.



**CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT**