

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-80 September Term 2025
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In the Matter of :
David L. Chapman :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 044071995) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board, in DRB 26-014, having granted a motion for discipline by consent, pursuant to Rule 1:20-10(b), of **David L. Chapman of Matawan**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1997; and

The Office of Attorney Ethics and respondent having signed a stipulation of discipline by consent in which the parties agreed that respondent violated RPC 1.5(b) (failing to set forth, in writing, the basis or rate of the legal fee), RPC 1.15(a) (failing to safeguard entrusted funds); RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), and RPC 8.1(b) (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), and that respondent's conduct warrants a reprimand or such lesser discipline as the Disciplinary Review Board deems appropriate; and

The Office of Attorney Ethics and respondent having further agreed that

respondent should be required to (1) complete a recordkeeping course approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and (2) submit to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly three-way reconciliations for a period of time as directed by the Disciplinary Review Board; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having determined that respondent violated RPC 1.5(b), RPC 1.15(a), RPC 1.15(d), and RPC 8.1(b), and that a reprimand is the appropriate discipline for respondent's unethical conduct; and

The Disciplinary Review Board having further recommended that respondent be required to (1) complete a recordkeeping course approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics at a date set by the Office of Attorney Ethics and (2) provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly three-way reconciliations of respondent's attorney trust accounts for two years;

The Disciplinary Review Board having submitted the record of the proceedings to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for the entry of an order of discipline in accordance with Rule 1:20-16(e);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **David L. Chapman** is hereby reprimanded; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent shall (1) complete a recordkeeping course

approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics at a date set by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and (2) provide to the Office of Attorney Ethics, on a quarterly basis, monthly three-way reconciliations for two years; 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 21st day of July, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" and last name "Baker" clearly legible.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT