

**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-98 September Term 2025
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In the Matter of :

Weitao Chen :

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An Attorney at Law :

(Attorney No. 288122018) :

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 25-277, recommending as a matter of reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 1:20-14(a) that **Weitao Chen of Flushing, New York**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 2018, should be suspended from the practice of law for six months based on discipline imposed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for unethical conduct that in New Jersey constitutes violations of RPC 1.1(a) (committing gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lacking diligence), RPC 3.3(a)(1) (making a false statement of material fact to a tribunal), RPC 3.3(a)(4) (offering evidence that the lawyer knows to be false), RPC 3.3(d) (in an ex parte proceeding, failing to inform the tribunal of all relevant facts to permit the tribunal to make an informed decision), RPC 5.3(a) (failing to adopt and maintain reasonable efforts to ensure that the conduct of nonlawyer employees is compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer), RPC 5.5(a)(1) (engaging in the unauthorized practice of law), RPC

7.1(a) (making a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer's services), RPC 8.1(a) (knowingly making a false statement of material fact to disciplinary authorities), RPC 8.1(b) (failing to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension known by the person to have arisen in a disciplinary matter), RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Weitao Chen** is suspended from the practice of law for six months, and until further order of the Court, effective November 1, 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 Attorney Regulatory 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 29th day of September, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT".

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT