

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-1 September Term 2023
088606

In the Matter of :
Ellyn Michele Epstein :
An Attorney at Law :
(Attorney No. 015851984) :

O R D E R

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 23-064, recommending on the basis of a disciplinary stipulation that **Ellyn Michele Epstein of Cherry Hill**, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1984, should be censured for violating 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), RPC 1.5(a) (charging an unreasonable fee), RPC 1.5(c) (failing to provide a written fee agreement in a contingent fee case and to specify the method for calculating the legal fee), RPC 1.15(a) (commingling personal and client funds), RPC 1.15(c) (failing to segregate property in which both the attorney and another party have an interest until there is an accounting, also violating Rule 1:21-7(g), and failing to hold a disputed fee separate until resolution of the dispute) (two instances), RPC 1.15(d) (failing to comply with the recordkeeping requirements of Rule 1:21-6), RPC 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a

tribunal), and RPC 8.4(c) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation) (two instances);

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Ellyn Michele Epstein** is hereby censured; 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 2nd day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker".

Filed 2/6/24

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT