

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

In re Hall

170 N.J. 400 (2002) · No. DRB 00-229 · Decided February 5, 2002

SUMMARY

The New Jersey Supreme Court ordered Sharon Hall suspended from practicing law for three years and until further order of the Court for multiple violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court also required proof of fitness before reinstatement, completion of continuing legal education courses, supervised practice for three years, compliance with attorney-discipline requirements, and reimbursement of administrative costs.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

ORDER The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 00-229, concluding that SHARON HALL of SOUTH ORANGE, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1995, and who has been suspended from the practice of law since June 23, 1999, pursuant to Orders of this Court, should be suspended from practice for a further period of two years for violating RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) (failure to keep client reasonably informed), RPC 1.4(b) (failure to explain matter to client), RPC 3.1 (frivolous claims), RPC 3.2 (failing to expedite litigation), RPC 3.4(a) (obstructing access to evidence), RPC 3.4(c) (engaging in conduct intended to disrupt tribunal), RPC 3.4(e) (alluding to irrelevant matters in trial), RPC 8.4(c) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); And the Disciplinary Review Board having concluded that prior to reinstatement to practice respondent should be required to submit proof of her fitness to practice law and that on reinstatement, respondent should be required to complete the Skills and Methods courses offered by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and to practice law under the supervision of a practicing attorney for a period of three years; And SHARON HALL having failed to appear on the return date of the Order issued by the Court in this matter pursuant to Rule 1:20-16(b) directing respondent to show cause why she should not be disbarred or otherwise disciplined; And good cause appearing; *401It is ORDERED that SHARON HALL is suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years, and until the further Order of the Court, effective immediately, and it is further ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to practice respondent shall submit proof of her fitness to practice law as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further ORDERED that respondent shall successfully complete the Skills and Methods courses offered by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education within six months after her reinstatement to practice and shall submit

proof thereof to the Office of Attorney Ethics; and it is further ORDERED that on reinstatement to practice, respondent shall practice under the supervision of a practicing attorney approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics for a period of three years and until the further Order of the Court; 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 continue to be restrained and enjoined from practicing law during the period of suspension and that respondent continue to comply with Rule 1:20-20; and it is further ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs incurred in the prosecution of this matter.