

LARRY J. McCLURE

Admitted: 1971; Hackensack (Bergen County)

Suspension 6 Months - 176 N.J. 121 (2003)

Decided: 4/24/2003, Effective: 5/21/2003

APPEARANCES BEFORE REVIEW BOARD

Glenn R. Reiser for District IIB

Raymond F. Flood for respondent

The Supreme Court of New Jersey held that a suspension from the practice of law for a period of six months was the appropriate discipline for an attorney who, in the case of a criminal client, accepted retainers and then grossly neglected the matter, failed to reasonably communicate with the client, failed to act diligently, failed to expedite litigation and failed to communicate, in writing, the basis or rate of the fee. In another civil matter, the respondent engaged in a lack of diligence, failed to communicate with a client, failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, failed to communicate, in writing, the basis or rate of the fee, and made a misrepresentation to the client by failing to tell him about the dismissal of his case. In 1999, the respondent received an admonition for similar misconduct, absent misrepresentation.