

**R. WESLEY AGEE**

*152 N.J. 223 (1998)*

of East Orange (Essex County)

Suspension 2 Years

Decided: January 21, 1998

Effective: February 16, 1998

Admitted: 1976.

*APPEARANCES BEFORE SUPREME COURT*

*JoAnn G. Eyster, Deputy Ethics Counsel, argued the cause on behalf of the Office of Attorney Ethics.*

*Bernard Freamon argued the cause for respondent.*

The Supreme Court of New Jersey held that a two-year suspension from the practice of law was the appropriate discipline for an attorney who, in a series of matters, engaged in a conflict of interest by impermissibly representing the buyer and seller in the negotiation of the transaction, committed a fraud on the lender by intentionally withholding documents that would have disclosed the fact that the transaction was a lease/option rather than a straight sale, negligently misappropriated clients' trust funds, and displayed a continuing pattern of deceitful conduct by making misrepresentations to judges, lying to the Office of Attorney Ethics, lying to his clients, lying to the Special Ethics Master and lying to other attorneys.