

**GERALD M. ALSTON**

*166 N.J. 597 (2001)*

of Atlantic City (Atlantic County)

Suspension 3 Months

Decided: March 7, 2001

Admitted: 1989

**APPEARANCES BEFORE REVIEW BOARD**

*Eugene McCaffrey, Jr. argued the cause on behalf of the District IIB (Burlington County) Ethics Committee.*

*Gerald M. Alston, respondent, waived appearance.*

The Supreme Court of New Jersey held that a suspension from the practice of law for a period of three months was the appropriate discipline for an attorney who improperly used his residence to attempt to satisfy the bona fide office requirements of *Rule 1:21-1(a)* and knowingly made false statements to the Office of Attorney Ethics during the course of the investigation. The respondent was previously disciplined in 1998 by a reprimand for practicing law in New Jersey while ineligible because of his failure to pay the annual attorney assessment, failure to maintain a bona fide law office in New Jersey, and failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities during the processing of that matter. *In re Alston, 154 N.J. 83.*