

CHARLES S. ADUBATO

Admitted: 1980; Freehold (Monmouth County)

Suspension 1 Year - 173 N.J. 191 (2002)

Decided: 7/12/2002 Effective: 11/26/2001

APPEARANCES BEFORE REVIEW BOARD

Richard J. Engelhardt for Attorney Ethics

Respondent waived appearance

The Supreme Court of New Jersey held that a suspension from the practice of law for a period of one year was the appropriate discipline for an attorney who pled guilty in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Monmouth County, to an indictment charging him with obtaining a controlled dangerous substance (Percocet) by fraud, in violation of *N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13*, a crime of the third degree. The respondent had been temporarily suspended from the practice of law since November 26, 2001. *In re Adubato*, 170 N.J. 136. The respondent has also been suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months in 1986, based upon a guilty plea to a violation of *N.J.S.A. 24:21-22(a)(13)*, attempting to obtain a controlled dangerous substance (Dilaudid) by fraud. He was reinstated to practice in March of 1989.