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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-B-1747

IN RE: ROY JOSEPH RICHARD, JR.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

Crichton, J., additionally concurs and assigns reasons.

Faced with the disciplinary board’s recommendation of permanent disbarment in this case, the Court ordered additional briefing from respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel on whether that recommendation was appropriate. ODC filed a brief in response to the Court’s order, but respondent failed to respond in any way. As I have repeatedly remarked, a respondent’s failure to participate in any way in the disciplinary process demonstrates a stunning indifference to the status of respondent’s ability to practice law. *See, e.g., In re: Harvey*, 19-B-1829 (La. 2/18/20), -- So. 3d -- (collecting cases). In this case, respondent has not only repeatedly failed to participate in the disciplinary process at the request of disciplinary authorities, but has also now ignored a direct order of this Court which was intended to provide respondent another opportunity to be heard. I therefore agree with the decision to permanently disbar respondent.