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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 06-BG-483

IN RE WARREN R. KRAFT, RESPONDENT.

A Member of the Bar
of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
(Bar Registration No. 425676)

On Report and Recommendation
of the Board on Professional Responsibility
(BDN 014-06)

(Submitted September 26, 2007)

Decided October 11, 2007)

Before FARRELL and THOMPSON, *Associate Judges*, and KING, *Senior Judge*.

PER CURIAM: On December 8, 2005, the Supreme Court of New Jersey issued an order disbaring respondent Kraft from the practice of law. The disbarment arose from a grievance filed by one of respondent's clients concerning the handling of settlement proceeds. Following an audit by the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics, respondent was found to have knowingly misappropriated client funds, and the Supreme Court disbarred him for that reason.

In this reciprocal discipline proceeding, the Board on Professional Responsibility recommends identical discipline. Neither Bar Counsel nor respondent has filed an exception to the Board's report and recommendation. Because of the rebuttable presumption favoring identical reciprocal discipline, *see In re Goldsborough*, 654 A.2d 1285 (D.C. 1995), and considering the heightened deference this court gives to the Board's recommendation in cases where no exceptions have been filed, *see In re Delaney*, 697 A.2d 1212, 1214 (D.C. 1997), we adopt the Board's recommendation, particularly as

respondent's actions would warrant disbarment in this jurisdiction. *See, e.g., In re Carlson*, 745 A.2d 257, 259 (D.C. 2000). Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Warren R. Kraft is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in the District of Columbia. For purposes of reinstatement, the disbarment shall be deemed to run from the date on which respondent files an affidavit in compliance with D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14 (g). *See In re Slosberg*, 650 A.2d 1329, 1331 (D.C. 1994).

So ordered.