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DISTRICT IIIB ETHICS COMMITTEE	:	SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
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V	:	DOCKET NO. IIIB-44E
	:	DOCKET NO. IIIB-46E
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JONATHAN DIEGO	:	Disciplinary Action
	:	<b>COMPLAINT</b>

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District IIIB Ethics Committee by way of complaint against respondent, says:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. Jonathan Diego (respondent) was admitted to the Bar of this State in 1994.
2. Respondent maintains his law offices at 1201 New Road., Linwood, Cape May County, NJ.

**FIRST COUNT**

1. On April 25, 2014 respondent approached the Special Civil Court desk in the hallway of the Atlantic County Courthouse for the purpose of filing papers related to a landlord\tenant matter for a client that he was representing.
2. When the Court Clerk would not accept the paperwork in the form in which he submitted it, respondent became engaged in a heated argument, attempted to intimidate the Clerk by virtue of his standing as an attorney and his relationship to Superior Court Judge Mendez and repeatedly demanded to speak to a supervisor.
3. Once a supervisor arrived, respondent became engaged in a separate verbal dispute with another court employee which culminated in the court employee physically (and clearly inappropriately) engaging respondent.



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4. All of the aforesaid conduct occurred in a public portion of the Courthouse and was witnessed by at least one member of the public who, by respondent's own reporting, suggested that respondent was acting as if he were on steroids.
5. At some point during the series of conflicts with the court employees, respondent admittedly stated out loud, "I am tired of this racist ghetto BS".
6. Respondent's conduct in this matter violates RPC 3.2 for failure to *"treat with courtesy and consideration all persons involved in the legal process"*.
7. Respondent's conduct in this matter violates RPC 8.4(d) for engaging *"in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice"*.
8. Respondent engaged in *"conduct involving discrimination"* where such conduct was *"likely to do harm"* in violation of RPC 8.4 (g) by uttering the racially and socioeconomically divisive comment that he was "tired of this racist ghetto BS".

WHEREFORE, respondent should be disciplined.

DISTRICT IIIB ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Dated: February 23, 2016