

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on October 4, 2018, the following order was made and entered:

In Re: Petition for Reinstatement of Amber L. Hanna

No. 17-0748

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ORDER

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DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

On August 25, 2017, the petitioner, Amber L. Hanna, a suspended member of The West Virginia State Bar, pursuant to Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, filed with the Court a petition for reinstatement of her suspended license to practice law in the State of West Virginia.

Thereafter, on August 15, 2018, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Gail Henderson Staples, its chairperson, filed its recommended decision, recommending that the petitioner be reinstated to the practice of law subject to the following conditions: (1) that petitioner be placed on probation for a period of two years and meet with a responsible local attorney on a monthly basis who will provide written quarterly reports to the Office of Disciplinary counsel; (2) that petitioner complete the five year monitoring contract with the West Virginia Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program initiated in September of 2016, at her own expense; (3) that petitioner be subject to an immediate six month suspension and other disciplinary charges if she commits a substantial violation of her probation during the two-year supervised practice; (4) that prior to being restored as a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar, petitioner be required to satisfy the requirements as to payment of state bar membership fees; and (5) that petitioner be ordered to reimburse the Office of Disciplinary Counsel its costs as it relates to the underlying suspension proceedings and the reinstatement proceedings. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed its consent to the recommendation on August 24, 2018.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee and the petition for reinstatement is granted

with certain conditions, as set forth herein. It is therefore ordered that the petitioner, Amber L. Hanna, shall be, and she hereby is, reinstated to the practice of law in the State of West Virginia subject to the following conditions:

(1) petitioner shall be placed on probation for a period of two years and meet with a responsible local attorney on a monthly basis who will provide written quarterly reports to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel;

(2) petitioner shall complete the five-year monitoring contract with the West Virginia Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program initiated in September of 2016, at her own expense;

(3) petitioner shall be subject to an immediate six month suspension and other disciplinary charges if she commits a substantial violation of her probation during the two-year supervised practice;

(4) prior to being restored as a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar, petitioner shall satisfy the requirements as to payment of her dues; and

(5) petitioner shall reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board the costs of the proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Justice Allen H. Loughry, II suspended and therefore not participating. Judge Paul T. Farrell sitting by temporary assignment.

Service of an attested copy of this order shall constitute sufficient notice of its contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

