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DEPARTMENT OF
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 23rd day of June, 2008, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 33256

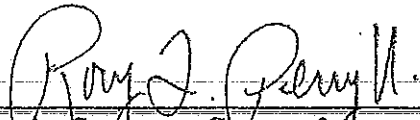
Michael P. Markins, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the record, the written recommended disposition filed by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, and the oral argument and briefs of counsel thereon, doth hereby suspend the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Michael P. Markins, for a period of two years for violating Rules 8.4(b) and (c) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. It is further ordered that the respondent: 1) complete twelve hours of Continuing Legal Education in ethics to be completed prior to reinstatement, in addition to such ethics hours he is otherwise required to complete to maintain his active license; 2) upon reinstatement the respondent's practice must be supervised for a period of one year; and 3) the respondent must reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation of this matter in the amount of \$1,514.97; all of which is ordered to be certified to the parties herein.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared Per Curiam, was concurred in by Chief Justice Maynard and Justices Davis, Albright and Benjamin. Justice Starcher concurs and reserves the right to file a separate opinion.

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Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals