

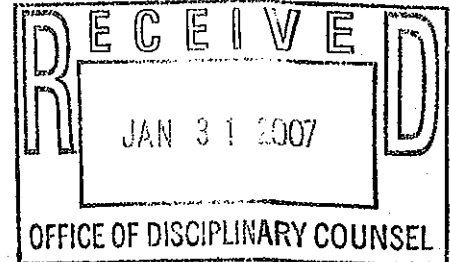
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 24th of January, 2007, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 33071

James B. Rees, a member of The West
Virginia State Bar, Respondent



On a former day, to-wit, December 12, 2006, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by John R. Lukens, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that: (1) the respondent be suspended from the practice of law for thirty days; (2) the respondent be issued a reprimand; (3) the respondent, for a period of three years, not handle any cases involving sexual assault or sexual abuse; (4) the respondent complete an additional six hours of Continuing Legal Education in the area of office management within one year; and (5) pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding.

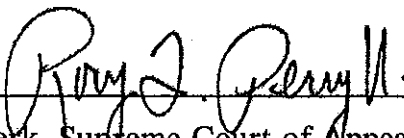
Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and disagrees with the stipulated written recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. The Court agrees with and doth hereby adopt the proposal of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. It is therefore ordered that: (1) the respondent, James B. Rees, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, be, and hereby is reprimanded

for violating Rules 1.3 and 1.4 (a) and (b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct; (2) the respondent is required to complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in the area of office management within one year from the date of this order; and (3) pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding.

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

A True Copy

Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals