

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 19th of March, 2007, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 32984

Michael R. Cline, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, February 5, 2007, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Todd A. Twyman, its chairperson at that time, 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 reprimanded; (2) the respondent be ordered to undergo two years of supervised practice. The supervisor to be nominated by the respondent and approved by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, with a written agreement governing this procedure; (3) the respondent complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal ethics and office management beyond that required for all other attorneys in the State of West Virginia. This must be met by the conclusion of the current reporting period; (4) the respondent maintain a trust account into which he shall keep all money belonging to his clients and that this trust account shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant. The Certified Public Accountant shall provide a full annual report to the Disciplinary Counsel for a period of two years; (5) the respondent provide quarterly statements to Disciplinary Counsel for the period of two years accounting for the receipt


and disbursement for all client funds during that quarter; and (6) 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 doth hereby adopt the stipulated written recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is therefore ordered that 1) the respondent be, and he hereby is, reprimanded; (2) the respondent shall undergo two years of supervised practice. The supervisor to be nominated by the respondent and approved by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, with a written agreement governing this procedure; (3) the respondent complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal ethics and office management beyond that required for all other attorneys in the State of West Virginia. This must be met by the conclusion of the current reporting period; (4) the respondent maintain a trust account into which he shall keep all money belonging to his clients and that this trust account shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant. The Certified Public Accountant shall provide a full annual report to the Disciplinary Counsel for a period of two years; (5) the respondent provide quarterly statements to Disciplinary Counsel for the period of two years accounting for the receipt and disbursement for all client funds during that quarter; and (6) pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding in the amount of \$6,544.63.

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

A True Copy

Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals