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OFFICE 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 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 33294

Lawrence E. Sherman, Jr., a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, July 11, 2007, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by David A. Jividen, 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 publicly reprimanded; (2) the respondent shall sign and follow a plan of supervised practice for a period of eighteen months with a supervising attorney of respondent's choice to meet with the respondent every two weeks, said supervisor to be approved by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the Hearing Panel Subcommittee, and be available to respond to inquiries by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The office practice plan shall be based upon the Report of Forest J. Bowman, Esq., dated May 21, 2007, and include the implementation of those proposed changes to respondent's office management as suggested by the May 21, 2007 Bowman Report and as modified by respondent's settlement proposal of June 14, 2007; (3) the respondent shall arrange for Forest H. Bowman, Esq., to physically return to his law offices six months after the commencement of his supervised practice and prepare a written report to be submitted to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel

to ascertain the degree of progress of the changes to his law office management; (4) the respondent shall arrange for Forest H. Bowman to physically return to his law office one year after the commencement of his supervised practice and prepare a second written report to be submitted to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to ascertain the degree of progress of the changes to his law office management, and to ensure that any additional issues from the six month report are adequately addressed; 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 that the respondent shall be, and he hereby is, reprimanded, and doth hereby adopt the remaining recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is therefore ordered that: (1) the respondent shall sign and follow a plan of supervised practice for a period of eighteen months with a supervising attorney of respondent's choice to meet with the respondent every two weeks, said supervisor to be approved by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the Hearing Panel Subcommittee, and be available to respond to inquiries by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The office practice plan shall be based upon the Report of Forest J. Bowman, Esq., dated May 21, 2007, and include the implementation of those proposed changes to respondent's office management as suggested by the May 21, 2007 Bowman Report and as modified by respondent's settlement proposal of June 14, 2007; (2) the respondent shall arrange for Forest H. Bowman, Esq., to physically return to his law offices six months after the commencement of his supervised practice and prepare a written report to be submitted to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel

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

A True Copy

Attest:

  
Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals