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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 15th day of September 2005, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Complainant

vs.) No. 31678

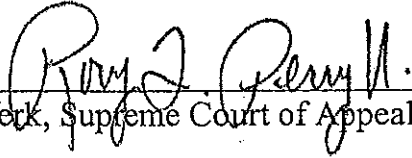
J. Thomas Hardin, a member of The West
Virginia State Bar, Respondent

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, J. Thomas Hardin, for a period of two years for violating Rules 1.3; 3.2; 3.4(c); 3.4(d) and 8.4(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. In order to reinstate his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia, the respondent shall petition for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. As a mandatory condition for reinstatement, the respondent (1) shall complete an additional three hours of continuing legal education on medical malpractice law; an additional three hours of continuing legal education on office management and an additional three hours of continuing legal education on West Virginia Civil Procedure; and (2) shall pay (if not paid) all circuit court fines and costs, and costs of this proceeding shall be paid forthwith. Should the respondent resume practicing law in West Virginia after the two-year suspension, he shall be required to have local counsel on all cases for an additional two years; 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 Albright and Justices Davis, Starcher,
Maynard and Benjamin.

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Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals