

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS
IN VACATION

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Complainant

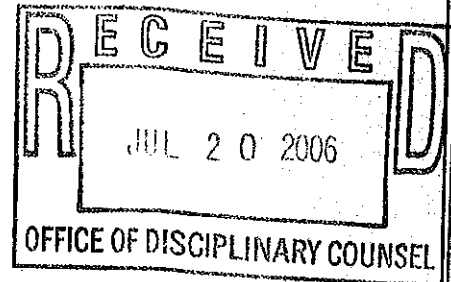
vs.) No. 31794

John Patrick Ball, a member of the West
Virginia State Bar, Respondent

AND

Monongalia County Bar Association, Intervenor

The Court, having maturely considered the record, the written recommended disposition filed by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, the brief filed on behalf of intervenor, Monongalia County Bar Association, the brief of counsel and the oral argument thereon, doth hereby annul the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, John Patrick Ball, for violating Rules 1.5(a); 1.7(b); 1.8(c); and 8.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The respondent shall pay restitution as set forth in the written opinion and reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board its costs in the amount of \$ 9,567.37. This Court is further ordering that a copy of the opinion and this mandate/order be filed with the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, for the purpose of having the circuit court appoint an administrator for the Estates of Ms. Michael, Ms. Davis and Mr. Elmore, as set forth in the written opinion aforesaid. AND this action is remanded to the Hearing Panel Subcommittee further proceedings in accordance with the principles stated and directions given in the written



opinion aforesaid and further according to law; all of which is ordered to be certified to the parties herein.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared by Chief Justice Davis, was concurred in by Justices Maynard, Albright, Benjamin and Judge Bailey Walker, sitting by temporary assignment. Justice Starcher deemed himself disqualified and did not participate in this case.

DONE IN VACATION of the Supreme Court of Appeals, this 17th day of July 2006.

Honorable Robin Jean Davis, Chief Justice

Honorable Larry V. Starcher

Honorable Elliott E. Maynard

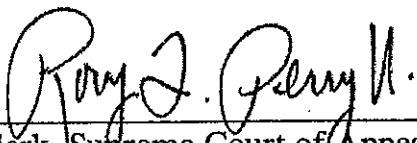
Honorable Joseph P. Albright

Honorable Brent D. Benjamin

Received the foregoing order this 17th day of July 2006, and entered the same in Order Book No. 156.

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Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals