

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 14th of September, 2006, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Petitioner

vs.) No. 33114

Lafe P. Ward, Jr., a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, June 26, 2006, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher, its attorney, and presented to the Court, pursuant to Rule 3.27 of the West Virginia Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, its petition seeking the immediate temporary suspension of the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Lafe P. Ward, Jr., a member of The West Virginia State Bar, until the underlying disciplinary proceedings against him before the Lawyer Disciplinary Board have been completed and seeking the appointment of a trustee, for reasons stated therein.

By order entered June 26, 2006, this Court determined that good cause existed pursuant to Rule 3.27(c), and set the matter for hearing and denied the request for appointment of a trustee.

Thereafter, on the 28th day of August, 2006, came the respondent, Lafe P. Ward, Jr., by Jane Moran, his attorney, and waived his right to a hearing on the petition.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby grant said petition. It is therefore ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, temporarily suspended, effective immediately, until the underlying disciplinary proceedings before the Lawyer Disciplinary Board have been

completed. Justice Maynard would defer consideration of the petition until a conviction if any, becomes final.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent and petitioner shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest: _____


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals