

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

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Complainant

vs.) No. 25161

James W. Keenan, an active member of
The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the recommendations of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, the objection thereto, and the briefs of counsel and oral argument thereon, doth hereby impose the following sanctions upon the respondent, James W. Keenan, an active member of The West Virginia State Bar, for violating Rules 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.15(b), 1.16(d) and 8.1(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct: (1) respondent is hereby publicly censured; (2) respondent shall practice law under the supervision of another attorney pursuant to provisions set forth by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for a period of two and one-half years; (3) respondent shall submit to an evaluation for his alcohol and bipolar problems and shall submit to the recommended treatment for these problems; (4) respondent shall participate in Alcoholics Anonymous or other similar program; (5) respondent shall attend six hours of continuing legal education in office management; and (6) respondent shall reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board for the costs incurred in the investigation and hearing of this matter.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared Per Curiam, was concurred in by Chief Justice Maynard and Justices Starcher and McGraw. Justice Davis dissents and reserves the right to file a dissenting opinion. Justice Scott deemed himself disqualified and did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.

DONE IN VACATION of the Supreme Court of Appeals, this 5th day of January 2001.

Honorable Warren R. McGraw, Chief Justice

Honorable Robin Jean Davis

Honorable Larry V. Starcher

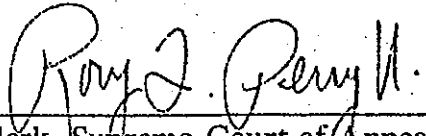
Honorable Elliott E. Maynard

Honorable Joseph P. Albright

Received the foregoing order this 5th day of January 2001, and entered the same in Order Book No. 139.

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Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals