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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 3rd day of June 2002, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Complainant

vs.) No. 27051

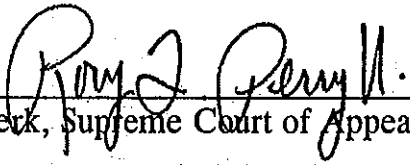
Belinda S. Morton, a member of The West
Virginia State Bar, Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the written recommended disposition filed with this Court on the 30th day of October, 2001, by the *Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board*, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, recommending that the respondent, Belinda S. Morton, be publicly reprimanded, be required to refund to Mr. Willis the legal fee charged in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), and be required to reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board for the costs incurred in the investigation of this matter, for violating Rule 1.5(a)(1) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and the oral argument and briefs of counsel thereon, doth hereby decline to adopt the recommendation of the *Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board*. The charges filed against the respondent in this case are hereby dismissed.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared Per Curiam, was concurred in by Justices Starcher, McGraw and Albright. Chief Justice Davis and Justice Maynard dissent and reserve the right to file dissenting opinions.

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Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals