

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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. 29463

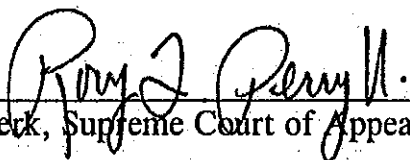
Richard E. Ford, Jr., a member of The
West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the written recommended disposition filed with this Court on the 11th 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 license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Richard E. Ford, Jr., be suspended for forty-five days, and that respondent be required to remain under the care of his treating psychologist, Dr. Connie Mann, or another qualified mental health professional until released by her or him, for violating Rules 1.15 and 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and the oral argument and briefs of counsel thereon, doth hereby, for reasons stated in writing and filed herein, decline to adopt the recommendation of the *Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board*. The respondent, Richard E. Ford, Jr., is hereby admonished.

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

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Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals