

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2002, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Complainant

vs.) No. 28473

John G. Sims, An Active Member  
of the West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the record, the written recommended disposition filed by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, and the oral argument and brief of counsel thereon, doth hereby reprimand the respondent for violating Rules 3-6(a), 3.8(e) and 8/4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. It is further ordered that the respondent shall reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board for the costs fo this proceeding; all of which is ordered to be certified to the parties herein.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared Per Curiam, was concurred in by Justices Starcher, Maynard, Albright and Judge Dan O'Hanlon, sitting by special assignment. Chief Justice Davis concurs in part and dissents in part and reserves the right to file a separate opinion. Justice McGraw disqualified.

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Attest: Roy J. Perry II.  
Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals