

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on January 18, 2023, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

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vs.) No. 21-1032

OFFICE OF LAWYER
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Dennis J. Willett, an inactive member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On October 5, 2022, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair David A. Wandling, in accordance with Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, filed its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that:

- (1) Respondent's law license be indefinitely suspended with right to petition for reinstatement after one year;
- (2) Respondent be required to apply for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 3.32 of the Rule[s] of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (3) If suspended, Respondent must comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and
- (4) Respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure and that such payment be made prior to petitioning for reinstatement.

On October 26, 2022, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Andrea J. Hinerman, Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent did not file a consent or an objection to the recommendation.

Upon consideration on January 12, 2023, the Court is of the opinion to and does concur with and approve the recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is ORDERED that:

(1) The license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the Respondent, Dennis J. Willett, is indefinitely suspended with the right to file a petition for reinstatement after one year of suspension;

(2) Should the Respondent, Dennis J. Willett, apply for reinstatement, a petition must be filed in accordance with Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;

(3) All suspended lawyers, including the Respondent, Dennis J. Willett, must comply with the duties of disbarred or suspended lawyers mandated in Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and

(3) Respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure prior to petitioning for reinstatement.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent, Dennis J. Willett, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar, constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

