

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on February 7, 2019, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0332

James Anthony Spenia, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

**ORDER**

On November 20, 2018, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Gail Henderson-Staples, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that: (1) the respondent's law license be annulled; (2) respondent must comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and (3) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on December 27, 2018, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent did not file a consent or an objection to the recommendation.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby approve the recommendation disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is therefore ORDERED that:

- (1) The license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, James Anthony Spenia, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled**;
- (2) The respondent is hereby directed to comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and

(3) The respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent, James Anthony Spenia, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

