

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on December 11, 2023, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 21-0590

James M. Pierson,
Respondent

MANDATE

Pursuant to Rule 26 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, the memorandum decision issued in the above-captioned case is now final and is certified to the Lawyer Disciplinary Board (I.D. No. 18-03-191) and to the respondent, James M. Pierson. By its decision, the Court ordered the following: (1) The respondent's law license is suspended for ninety days; (2) Upon his reinstatement, he be placed on one year supervised practice by an active attorney in his geographic area in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar and agreed upon by ODC; (3) that, prior to reinstatement, the respondent complete an additional nine hours of continuing legal education in the area of law office management, including at least six hours in IOTLA management prior to reinstatement; (4) that he comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and (5) that he pay the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$1,403.15 pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. The Clerk is directed to remove this action from the docket of this Court.

Attest: /s/Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

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