

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on June 10, 2019, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0640

Jeffery A. Davis, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

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**ORDER**

On May 7, 2019, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Kelly Ambrose, its chair, 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) Respondent's law license be suspended for a period of thirty days, with automatic reinstatement pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Rule 3.31 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Respondent be required to complete nine additional hours of ethics based continuing legal education courses at his own expense and report the completion of those hours to Office of Disciplinary Counsel twelve months from the date of the final order in this matter;
- (3) Upon respondent's reinstatement, he be placed on two years of probation with his practice supervised by an attorney who is active in his geographic area, in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar, and agreed upon by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The goal of the supervised practice will be to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's law practice to the extent that respondent's sanctioned behavior is not likely to recur; and
- (7) Prior to being automatically reinstated, respondent pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding in this matter pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby approve the recommended 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, Jeffrey A. Davis, shall be, and it hereby is, **suspended** for thirty days, with automatic reinstatement pursuant to Rule 3.31 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) The respondent shall complete an additional nine hours of continuing legal education in the area of ethics, within twelve months from the date of this order;
- (3) Upon the automatic reinstatement of the respondent's license to practice law, he shall be placed on two years of probation with his practice of law supervised by a supervising attorney active in his geographic area, in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar, and agreed upon by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The goal of the supervised practice will be to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's practice of law to the extent that the sanctioned behavior is not likely to reoccur; and
- (4) Respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, prior to the automatic reinstatement of license to practice law.

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

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

