

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0067

J. Michael Cassell, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

QUOTED

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OFFICE OF
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

ORDER

On January 26, 2018, the petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking annulment of the law license in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, J. Michael Cassell, pursuant to Rule 3.18, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

The respondent, by counsel L. Jill McIntyre, Jackson & Kelly, PLLC, subsequently filed a request for a mitigation hearing. On July 26, 2018, the Court received the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board's ruling denying the request for a mitigation hearing. Having reviewed the Hearing Panel Subcommittee's decision denying the request for a mitigation hearing, the Court upholds the Hearing Panel Subcommittee's decision that a mitigation hearing is not warranted in this matter.

Upon consideration and review of the petition seeking annulment, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby grant the petition. It is therefore ordered that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, J. Michael Cassell, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled.**

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

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

