

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on April 15, 2024, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

v.) No. 23-626

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

ORDER

On February 9, 2024, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Timothy E. Haught, pursuant to Rule 3.20 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this reciprocal disciplinary action, recommending that the same sanction that the State of Maryland issued be imposed. The Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommends that the respondent be reprimanded and that the respondent pay all fees and costs, if any, associated with this proceeding.

Upon consideration and review on April 10, 2024, 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 respondent Michael J. Novotny is **reprimanded**; and (2) the respondent Michael J. Novotny shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding in accordance with Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent Michael J. Novotny and the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ C. Casey Forbes
Clerk of Court

