

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on October 4, 2018, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 17-0945

Michael P. Cooke, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

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**ORDER**

On May 24, 2018, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Rhonda L. Harsh, 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) respondent's law license be annulled; (2) in the event respondent is reinstated in the future, his law practice be supervised for a period of time; 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 June 25, 2018, the petitioner, Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by counsel Jessica H. Donahue Rhodes, 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 approve the recommendations of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee. It is therefore ordered that: (1) respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled**; and (2) respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. The remaining recommendation regarding reinstatement is premature.

Justice Allen H. Loughry II suspended and therefore not participating. Judge Paul T. Farrell sitting by temporary assignment.

Service of a copy of this order upon all parties herein shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

