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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015, the following order was made and entered:

IN RE: PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF MICHAEL SANTA BARBARA

No. 13-1303

ORDER

On December 23, 2013, the petitioner, Michael Santa Barbara, a suspended member of The West Virginia State Bar, pursuant to Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, filed with the Court a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia.

Thereafter, on December 31, 2014, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by John W. Cooper, its chairperson, filed its recommended decision, recommending that the petitioner be reinstated to the practice of law subject to the following conditions: (a) that petitioner's practice be supervised for a period of one year. The goal of supervised practice will be to improve the quality and effectiveness of petitioner's law practice to the extent that petitioner's sanctioned behavior is not likely to reoccur; (2) that prior to reinstatement, petitioner be required to pay his dues to the West Virginia State Bar and complete all required continuing legal education pursuant to Rule 3.32(f) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and (3) that petitioner be ordered to reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board the costs of the reinstatement proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee and the petition for reinstatement is granted. It is therefore ordered that the petitioner, Michael Santa Barbara, shall be, and he hereby is, reinstated to the practice of law in the State of West Virginia subject to the following conditions: (1) petitioner's practice of law shall be supervised for a one-year period with a supervising attorney agreed upon by the petitioner and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, said supervising attorney shall provide regular reports, at least quarterly, to, and answer all inquiries from, Office of Disciplinary Counsel about petitioner. The goal of supervised practice shall be to improve the quality and effectiveness of petitioner's law practice to the extent that petitioner's sanctioned behavior is not likely to reoccur; (2) petitioner shall immediately pay any outstanding dues to the West Virginia State Bar, and complete all required credit hours of mandatory continuing legal education pursuant to Rule 3.32(f), Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and (3) petitioner shall reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of an attested copy of this order shall constitute sufficient notice of its contents.

A True Copy

Attest: //s// Rory L. Perry II  
Clerk of Court

