

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 14th day of August 2012, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Petitioner

vs.) No. 12-0937

Travis R. Fitzwater, a member of The West Virginia
State Bar, Respondent

On August 13, 2012, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Renée N. Frymyer, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, pursuant to Rules 3.21, 3.23(a) and 3.27(a) and (b) of the West Virginia Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its petition seeking the immediate administrative suspension of the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Travis R. Fitzwater, a member of The West Virginia State Bar. Pursuant to Rule 3.29, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, Office of Disciplinary Counsel requests that this Court authorize the chief judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County to appoint an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia to inventory respondent's files and to take such action as seems indicated to protect the interest of the respondent and his clients, for the reasons stated therein.

By order entered August 13, 2012, this Court directed the Circuit Clerk of Monongalia County to transmit, under seal, a certified copy of the application and order in the matter entitled In Re: Involuntary Hospitalization of Travis R. Fitzwater, No. 12-MH-125.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby grant said petition. It is therefore ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, administratively suspended pursuant to Rule 3.23(a) of the West Virginia Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

It is further ordered that the Honorable Susan B. Tucker, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County be, and she hereby is, authorized to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interest of respondent's clients.

The respondent may petition this Court for reinstatement at any time pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3.24, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent and upon the Honorable Susan B. Tucker, Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

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

