

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a regular term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on September 18, 2014, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 14-0022

Richard W. Hollandsworth, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On July 18, 2014, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Timothy E. Haught, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that: (1) respondent be suspended from the practice of law in the State of West Virginia for a period of ninety days beginning on the date of this order, with automatic reinstatement of his license to practice law pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Rule 3.31, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; (2) respondent be ordered to complete an additional nine hours of continuing legal education during the current reporting period, specifically three hours in the area of ethics and office management and six hours in the representation of clients in petitions for writ of habeas corpus, in addition to the hours already required; (3) upon reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent be placed on one year of probation with supervised practice by an attorney in his geographic area, who is agreed upon between the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and respondent, with the supervised practice goal to be to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's law practice to the extent that respondent's sanctioned conduct is not likely to reoccur; and (4) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

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On August 4, 2014, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Andrea J. Hinerman, Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and filed its consent to the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation.

Upon consideration and review of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation, the Court does concur with the recommendation.

It is ordered that: (1) respondent shall be, and he hereby is, suspended from the practice of law in the State of West Virginia for a period of ninety days beginning on the date of this order, with automatic reinstatement of his license to practice law pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Rule 3.31, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; (2) respondent shall complete an additional nine hours of continuing legal education during the current reporting period, specifically three hours in the area of ethics and office management and six hours in the representation of clients in petitions for writ of habeas corpus, in addition to the hours already required; (3) upon reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent shall be placed on one year of probation with supervised practice by an attorney in his geographic area, who is agreed upon between the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and respondent. The goal of the supervised practice is to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's practice of law and reduce the likelihood that respondent's sanctioned conduct will reoccur; and (4) respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

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/ Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of Court

