



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 25th day of August, 2015, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 14-0704

Ronald K. Hatfield, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On a former day, to-wit, June 26, 2015, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Richard M. Yurko, Jr., 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) the respondent's law license be suspended for a period of three years; and (2) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on July 1, 2015, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Joanne M. Vella Kirby, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent has not filed a response or objection to the recommendation.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby 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, suspended for a period three years from the date of this order; and (2) respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of

the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Justice Ketchum and Justice Loughry do not concur with the recommendation and would set this matter for oral argument because their vote is to annul respondent's license to practice law.

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

A True Copy

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

