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At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on July 15, 2021, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 21-0177

Sebastian M. Joy, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

**ORDER**

On March 1, 2021, the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by counsel Renee N. Frymyer, presented to the Court a notice of reciprocal disciplinary action, in accordance with Rule 3.20 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. On May 6, 2021, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee (“HPS”) of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its members Gail T. Henderson Staples, Rhonda L. Miller Harsh, and Loretta Walker Sites, presented to the Court its written recommended disposition, recommending that the same sanction that the State of Kentucky issued be imposed. The Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommends the following: (1) That the respondent’s license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be suspended for 181 days, probated for one year, subject to the conditions imposed in Kentucky; and (2) That the respondent notify the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel of any failure to comply with the probation conditions within ten days of any violation.

The Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel and the respondent filed written statements consenting to the recommendation.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does concur with and approve the recommended disposition of the HPS of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is ORDERED that the same sanction imposed by Kentucky be imposed here. It is ORDERED that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Sebastian M. Joy, is suspended for 181 days,

probated for one year, subject to the conditions imposed in the State of Kentucky as set forth in the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation. Respondent is directed to notify the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel within ten days of any violation of the probation conditions.

Service of an attested copy of this order constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

