

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on February 14, 2018, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 17-1080

Stephen C. Sluss, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

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DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

ORDER

On December 13, 2017, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, pursuant to Rule 3.27 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its petition seeking the immediate suspension of the respondent, Stephen C. Sluss, Esq., and the appointment of a lawyer to serve as trustee to protect the interests of respondent's clients. Thereafter, by order entered on January 3, 2018, the Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County was authorized to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interests of respondent's clients, pursuant to Rule 3.27(c) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

The respondent did not file a request for a hearing and the remainder of the petition seeking immediate suspension is now mature for consideration by the Court.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby grant the petition. It is therefore ordered that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Stephen C. Sluss, shall be, and it hereby is, suspended until such time as resolution of the underlying disciplinary proceedings.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, The West Virginia State Bar, and Stephen C. Sluss, shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

