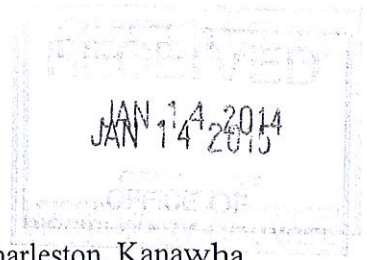


STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA



At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 8th day of January, 2015, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 14-1301

Stephen D. Paesani, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

On December 19, 2014, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Joanne M. Vella Kirby, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, pursuant to Rule 3.27 of the West Virginia Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its petition seeking the immediate suspension of the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Stephen D. Paesani, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, and pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the West Virginia Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, requesting that this Court authorize the Chief Judge of Mercer County to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interest of respondent's clients.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby grant the petition. It is therefore ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, suspended.

It is further ordered that the Honorable William Sadler, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Mercer County be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interest of respondent's clients.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent and upon the Honorable William Sadler, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Mercer County, shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

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

