



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued in Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 14-0067

Susan E. F. Henderson, an inactive member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

ORDER

On April 5, 2016, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Steven K. Nord, 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, adopting the sanctions stipulated to by agreement of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and the respondent, recommending that: (1) the respondent be admonished; (2) the respondent be required to keep her West Virginia law license on inactive status and not engage in the practice of law until a licensed psychiatrist selected by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel certifies that she is able to return to the practice of law; (3) the respondent be ordered to continue to attend regular counseling sessions with her current counselor; (4) respondent be ordered to make contact with the Lawyer Assistance Committee for assistance dealing with mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues; and (5) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on April 15, 2016, the petitioner, Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. On April 21, 2016, the respondent, Susan E. F. Henderson, by counsel Kenneth E. Chittum, filed her consent to the recommendation.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby adopt the stipulated sanctions as recommended by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee. It is therefore ordered that: (1) the respondent shall be, and she hereby is, admonished; (2) the respondent shall keep her West Virginia law license on inactive status and not engage in the practice of law until a licensed psychiatrist selected by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel certifies that she is able to return to the practice of law; (3) the respondent shall continue to attend regular counseling sessions with her current counselor; (4) respondent shall make contact with the Lawyer Assistance Committee for assistance dealing with mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues; and (5) respondent is ordered to pay the costs of this proceeding 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.

A True Copy

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

