

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on October 20, 2023, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 23-590

Thomas F. Basile, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On October 13, 2023, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking the immediate appointment of a lawyer to serve as trustee to close respondent's law practice and to protect the interests of respondent's clients, in accordance with Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. On October 17, 2023, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel filed, under seal, "Attachment A" of the petition seeking immediate appointment.

Upon consideration and review on October 19, 2023, the Court is of opinion to and does authorize the Honorable Tera L. Salango, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interests of respondent's clients, pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon the Honorable Tera L. Salango, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and Thomas F. Basile constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

