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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 20th of January, 2016, the following order was made and entered:

IN RE: PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF WILLIAM T. DOUGLASS, JR.,
AN ANNULLED MEMBER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR

No. 14-0944

ORDER

On September 22, 2014, came the petitioner, William T. Douglass, Jr., an annulled member of The West Virginia State Bar, by counsel Kent J. George, Robinson & McElwee, PLLC, pursuant to Rule 3.33 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court his petition for reinstatement of his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia.

On November 30, 2015, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Timothy E. Haught, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.33(c) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, presented to the Court its written report and recommendation, recommending that the petitioner's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be reinstated with certain conditions.

Thereafter, on December 22, 2015, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Andrea J. Hinerman, Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a motion to file out-of-time a request for hearing pursuant to Rule 3.33(c) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and attached the request thereto. The motion to file a request for hearing, out-of-time, is hereby denied.

Upon consideration of the recommendation of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby adopt the recommendation and the petition for reinstatement is granted with certain conditions, as set forth herein. It is therefore ordered that the petitioner, William T. Douglass, Jr., shall be, and he hereby is, reinstated to the practice of law in the State of West Virginia subject to the following conditions:

(1) Petitioner's practice of law shall be supervised for a two-year period by an attorney in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar who is agreed upon by the petitioner and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to serve as the supervising attorney. A written agreement shall be entered between the petitioner, his supervisor, and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The written agreement shall require the supervising attorney to meet at least twice per month with petitioner, to file monthly reports with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and to respond to inquiries by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The written agreement shall also require the petitioner to provide the supervising attorney complete access to his files, calendar, and trust account, to be candid and cooperative with the supervising attorney, and to follow the supervising attorney's recommendations and directives. Petitioner shall not be reinstated until the written agreement is executed by all parties;

(2) Prior to reinstatement, the petitioner shall pay all dues owed to the West Virginia State Bar and complete any and all required continuing legal education to be eligible for reinstatement. In addition to required continuing legal education, the petitioner shall complete an additional three hours of continuing legal education in the area of ethics and/or office management during his first reporting period upon reinstatement; and

(3) Petitioner shall reimburse the Lawyer Disciplinary Board the costs of these reinstatement proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Justice Benjamin and Justice Loughry would refuse the petition for reinstatement.

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

