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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2011, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 34724

Douglas A. Smoot, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

## MANDATE.

Pursuant to Revised R.A.P. 26, the opinion previously issued in the above-captioned case is now final and is hereby certified to the Lawyer Disciplinary Board and to the parties. The respondent's license to practice law is hereby suspended for a period of one year. Prior to his reinstatement, Mr. Smoot must complete the mandatory twenty-four hours of continuing legal education required for the current reporting period, which includes three hours of ethics education, along with an additional nine hours of continuing legal education in ethics. Mr. Smoot is ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and the respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the costs of this action in the amount of \$6,489.56. The Clerk is directed to remove this action from the docket of this Court.

A True Copy

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

