

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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, 2005, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Petitioner

vs.) No. 32572

Paul A. Billups, a member of The West Virginia  
State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, July 19, 2005, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by John W. Bennett, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this matter, stipulated to by the parties, recommending that: (1) the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be suspended for at least six months; (2) If and when the respondent attempts to have his license reinstated, the respondent must petition the Court to have his license to practice law reinstated; (3) the respondent continue in therapy as recommended by his treating physicians and/or psychologists; (4) the respondent complete a minimum of twelve hours of continuing legal ethics before his license is reinstated; (5) the respondent submit a current written report with his petition for reinstatement from his treating psychiatrist/psychologist advising that his depression and social phobia are under control to the point where, in the opinion of the professional, he could practice law without being a danger to the public, legal profession, or himself; (6) if and when the respondent's licenses is restored the respondent's practice of law be supervised for two years following reinstatement; and (7) pursuant to Rule 3.15

of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, respondent be ordered to pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding.

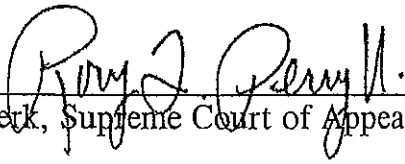
Thereafter, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2005, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Lawrence J. Lewis, and presented to the Court that it has no objections to said recommendations.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby adopt the stipulated written recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is therefore ordered that: (1) the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, suspended for six months; (2) if and when the respondent attempts to have his law license reinstated, the respondent must petition the Court before his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia is reinstated; (3) the respondent continue in therapy as recommended by his treating physicians and/or psychologists; (4) the respondent complete a minimum of twelve hours of continuing legal education in ethics before his license to practice law is reinstated; (5) the respondent submit a current written report with his petition for reinstatement from his treating psychiatrist/psychologist advising that his depression and social phobia are under control to the point where, in the opinion of the professional, he could practice law without being a danger to the public, legal profession, or himself; (6) the respondent's practice of law be supervised for two years following any reinstatement; and (7) pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding in the amount of \$357.44.

Service of an attested copy of this order shall constitute sufficient notice of its contents.

A True Copy

Attest:

  
Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals