STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 22nd of January, 2009, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, Petitioner

vs.) No. 34613

C. Patrick Carrick, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, December 3, 2008, came the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Andrea J. Hinerman, its attorney, pursuant to Rule 3.27 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, seeking the suspension of the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, and pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, requesting that this Court authorize the Chief Judge of Monongalia County to appoint an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia to inventory respondent's files and to take such action as seems indicated to protect the interests of the respondent and his clients for the reasons stated therein.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby order that the Honorable Russell M. Clawges, Jr., Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County, be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia to inventory respondent's files and to take such action as seems indicated to protect the interest of the respondent and his clients.

It is further ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, temporarily suspended, effective immediately, until the underlying disciplinary proceedings before the Lawyer Disciplinary Board have been completed. Justice Albright did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter. Senior Status Justice McHugh sitting by temporary assignment.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent and the Honorable Russell M. Clawges, Jr., Judge, shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest:

Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals