

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on October 4, 2018, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0476

Lee F. Benford, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

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**ORDER**

On June 27, 2018, the petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Joanne M. Vella Kirby, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking annulment of the law license in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Lee F. Benford, pursuant to Rule 3.25, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure and the formal affidavit, under seal, of the respondent consenting to voluntary disbarment.

Upon consideration and review of the petition seeking annulment, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby grant the petition. It is therefore ordered that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Lee F. Benford, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled**.

Justice Allen H. Loughry II suspended and therefore not participating. Justice Paul T. Farrell sitting by temporary assignment.

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Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

