

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on November 21, 2024, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel,  
Petitioner

v.) No. 24-622

Phillip D. Estep, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

## ORDER

On October 25, 2024, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking the immediate appointment of a lawyer to protect the interests of respondent's clients, in accordance with Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Upon consideration and review on November 20, 2024, the Court is of opinion to and does authorize the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, to appoint an attorney to serve as trustee to protect the interests of respondent's clients, pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Justice Bunn disqualified.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon the Honorable Maryclaire Akers and the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ C. Casey Forbes  
Clerk of Court

