

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

SCA EFiled: Jan 10 2025  
03:12PM EST  
Transaction ID 75413648

At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on January 10, 2025, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel,  
Petitioner

v.) No. 24-735

Mark E. Hobbs, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

## ORDER

On December 13, 2024, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and Renée N. Frymyer, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking the immediate administrative suspension of the respondent's license to practice law in accordance with Rule 3.23 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and the 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. The Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a motion to supplement the petition on December 16, 2024, along with the supplement. The motion to supplement is granted and the supplement is ordered filed.

On December 19, 2024, the respondent Mark E. Hobbs, by counsel John R. McGhee, Jr., Kay Casto & Chaney, PLLC, filed a response to the petition.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of opinion to and does grant the petition. It is ORDERED that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent Mark E. Hobbs is immediately administratively suspended until further order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that the Honorable Joshua Butcher, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Logan County, is authorized 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 Trump disqualified.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon the Honorable Joshua Butcher, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, Mark E. Hobbs, counsel for the respondent, and the West Virginia State Bar constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

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

