

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 3rd of September, 2014, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 13-0492

Amanda M. Ream, a member of The
West Virginia State Bar, Respondent



On June 25, 2014, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Timothy E. Haught, 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, recommending that: (1) respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of twelve months beginning on the date of this order; (2) respondent be required to undergo an independent psychiatric evaluation and comply with any additional treatment protocol prior to petitioning for reinstatement; (3) after any reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent be placed on probation for a period of one year; (4) after any reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent's practice be supervised for a period of one year by an attorney agreed upon between the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and respondent, with the supervised practice goal to be to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's law practice to the extent that respondent's sanctioned conduct is not likely to reoccur; (5) respondent be ordered to perform 50 hours of community service during the one year of probation and supervised practice; (6) respondent be ordered to complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in ethics and office management during the current reporting period, in addition to the hours already required; and

(7) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on July 16, 2014, the respondent, Amanda M. Ream, by counsel Sherri Goodman Reveal, filed her statement of no objections to the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation.

On August 1, 2014, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and presented to the Court its motion to file its consent out of time, and attached the consent thereto. Upon consideration of the motion, it is hereby granted and the consent to the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation is considered timely filed.

Upon consideration and review of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommendation, the Court does concur with recommended sanctions numbered 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and does hereby approve those recommendations of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee. The Court does not concur with recommended sanction numbered 2, and it is therefore not ordered. Justice Loughry would require recommended sanction numbered 2.

It is ordered that: (1) respondent shall be, and hereby is, suspended from the practice of law for a period of twelve months beginning on the date of this order; (2) after any reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent shall be placed on probation for a period of one year; (4) after any reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent's practice shall be supervised for a period of one year by an attorney agreed upon between the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and respondent, with the supervised practice goal to be to improve the quality and effectiveness of respondent's law practice to the extent that respondent's sanctioned conduct is not likely to reoccur; (5) after any reinstatement to the practice of law, respondent shall perform 50 hours of community service

during the one year of probation and supervised practice; (6) respondent shall complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in ethics and office management during the reporting period immediately following any reinstatement, in addition to the hours otherwise required; and (7) respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon all parties herein shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Rory L. Perry II, Clerk of Court

