

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on September 17, 2020, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) Nos. 18-1101 and 19-0918

Christopher G. Moffatt, a member of  
The West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

**ORDER**

On June 15, 2020, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Elizabeth Layne Diehl, filed its written recommended disposition in accordance with Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure in this matter, recommending that:

- (1) Respondent's law license be annulled;
- (2) Respondent comply with the Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (3) prior to filing a petition for reinstatement under Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, Respondent complete an additional six hours of CLE in ethics; and
- (4) Respondent reimburse the costs of these proceedings under Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on July 8, 2020, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Joanne M. Vella Kirby, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent did not file a consent or an objection to the recommendation; however, the Court notes that one day prior to the hearing conducted before the Hearing Panel Subcommittee the respondent submitted in writing to the Hearing Panel Subcommittee a voluntary annulment of his license to practice law.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur, in part, with and does hereby approve, in part, the recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel

Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. In addition to the recommendations, the Court imposes an additional condition. It is therefore ORDERED that:

- (1) The license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, Christopher G. Moffatt, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled**;
- (2) The respondent is hereby directed to comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (3) Prior to filing a petition for reinstatement, the respondent shall complete an additional six hours of continuing legal education in ethics, over and above any required hours of mandatory continuing legal education, prior to filing a petition for reinstatement;
- (4) The respondent shall fulfill and shall provide proof of fulfillment of all Conciliation Agreements between the respondent and the Public Defender Services Corporation prior to filing a petition for reinstatement; and
- (5) The respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings under Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent, Christopher G. Moffatt, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

Chief Justice Armstead, not participating.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

