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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 14th day of April 2003, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Complainant

vs.) No. 30090

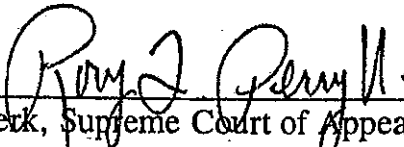
John A. Scott, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

The Court, having maturely considered the record and the briefs of counsel and oral argument thereon, doth hereby order that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, John A. Scott, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, be, and it hereby is, suspended for a period of three years for violating Rules 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.4(b), 1.7, 3.2, 3.3(a)(1), 3.3(a)(4), 3.4(b), 3.4(c), 3.4(d), 5.5(a), 8.4(c) and 8.4(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. In order to reinstate his license to practice law in the State of West Virginia, the respondent shall petition for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. As a mandatory condition for reinstatement, the respondent must: (1) show that his diagnosed Bipolar II Disorder is under control prior to reinstatement of his law license; (2) show that he has adequate legal malpractice coverage prior to reinstatement of his law license; (3) complete six hours of Continuing Legal Education in the area of ethics for at least two years after reinstatement; and (4) practice law under the supervision of another attorney for two years after reinstatement.

The syllabus of points adjudicated, prefixed to the written opinion aforesaid, prepared by Justice Davis, was concurred in by Chief Justice Starcher and Justices Maynard and Albright. Justice McGraw dissents and reserves the right to file a dissenting opinion.

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