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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 6th day of November, 2003, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Petitioner

vs.) No. 31589

John G. Sims, a member of The West Virginia State Bar; Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, October 27, 2003, came the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Lawrence J. Lewis, its counsel, and presented to the Court, pursuant to Rule 3.23 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, its petition seeking the immediate and indefinite administrative suspension of the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, John G. Sims, a member of The West Virginia State Bar; pursuant to Rule 3.29 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, requesting that this Court authorize the Chief Judge of Wood County to appoint an attorney or attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia to inventory respondent's files and to take such action as seems indicated to protect the interests of the respondent and his clients for the reasons stated therein; and requesting that any other complaints filed against the respondent be held in abeyance.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby grant said petition. It is therefore ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be, and it hereby is, **suspended indefinitely**. It is further ordered that the Honorable Robert A. Waters, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County be,

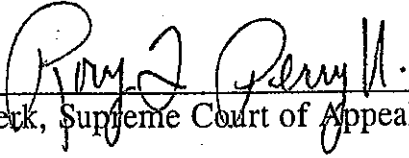
and he hereby is, authorized to appoint an attorney or attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia to inventory the respondent's files and to take such action as seems indicated to protect the interests of the respondent and his clients.

It is finally ordered that Lawyer Disciplinary Board v. John G. Sim, No. 31529, be, and it hereby is, held in abeyance until further order of the Court.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent and upon the Honorable Robert A. Waters, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals