

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 16th of January, 2003, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Complainant

vs.) No. 30495

Michael E. Froble, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, Respondent

On a former day, to-wit, November 13, 2002, came the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Timothy L. Sweeney, its chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, and presented to the Court its *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation* recommending that the respondent, Michael E. Froble, a member of The West Virginia State Bar, be: (1) reprimanded, pursuant to Rule 3.15(7) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; (2) required to engage in community service, pursuant to Rule 3.15(5) of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure: that the respondent handle to completion five (5) meaningful pro bono cases, assigned through legal services, or for clients who have approached the respondent directly and do not have the ability to pay; the respondent to choose the cases to satisfy this requirement; the respondent's representations of these five (5) pro bono clients to begin within one (1) year of the final order of the Supreme Court of Appeals in this case, and the representations diligently pursued to conclusion; the respondent to report to Disciplinary Counsel, documenting his compliance, when he has

completed this requirement; and (3) required to pay the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$732.85.

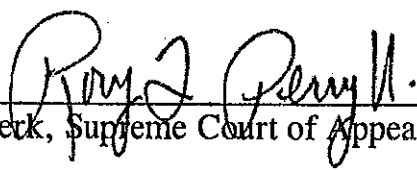
Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby decline to impose any disciplinary sanctions in this matter, in light of the following statement by the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin, United States District Judge, at the April 5, 2001 disposition hearing: "I do not believe that [the respondent] is the kind of attorney who needs further discipline beyond what has occurred in this court." Justice Davis would adopt the sanctions recommended by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee.

It is hereby ordered that this action be dismissed from the docket of this Court.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon Disciplinary Counsel and the respondent shall constitute sufficient notice of its content.

A True Copy

Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals