

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on January 9, 2020, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-1096

Franklin D. Cornette, a suspended member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

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ORDER

On October 2, 2019, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Timothy E. Haught, pursuant to Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that:

- (1) The respondent's law license be annulled;
- (2) The respondent must comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (3) Prior to petitioning to be reinstated to the practice of law that respondent make full restitution and provide proof thereof to: 1. Karen Blosser in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,550.00); 2. Jacob Sesek in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); and
- (4) That respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on November 4, 2019, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent did not file a consent or an objection to the recommendation.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby approve the recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is therefore ORDERED that:

- (1) The license to practice law of the respondent, Franklin D. Cornette, in the State of West Virginia, shall be, and hereby is **annulled**;
- (2) The respondent shall comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure;
- (3) The respondent shall make restitution to Karen Blosser in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,550.00) and to Jacob Sesek in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The restitution shall be paid in full with proof of payment provided to Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel before the respondent files any petition for reinstatement; and
- (4) The 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 the respondent, Franklin D. Cornette, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

