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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0918

James B. Atkins, a Member of the  
West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

### MANDATE

Pursuant to Rule 26 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, the opinion previously issued in the above-captioned case is now final and is hereby certified to the Lawyer Disciplinary Board and to the respondent. The respondent's license to practice law is hereby suspended for a period of nine (9) months; respondent must comply with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure regarding the duties of suspended or disbarred lawyers; respondent must also comply with the mandates of Rule 3.32 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure regarding reinstatement; prior to reinstatement, respondent shall complete an additional nine (9) hours of continuing legal education during the current reporting period of which at least three (3) hours should be in IOLTA accounts and the other six (6) hours should be in the area of ethics and office management; upon reinstatement, respondent will be placed on one (1) year of probation. Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the costs of this

action in the amount of \$1,286.59. The Clerk is directed to remove this action from the docket of this Court.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

