

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on September 12, 2023, the following order was made and entered.

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Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 22-828

James C. Griesacker, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On May 31, 2023, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Clayton J. Fitzsimmons, in accordance with Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, filed its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that:

- (1) Respondent be reprimanded;
- (2) Respondent should do an additional twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal ethics;
- (3) Respondent be referred to the Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program for a comprehensive evaluation wherein he will have to comply with the recommendations, if any for treatment and care; and
- (4) Respondent should pay all costs of this disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

On June 22, 2023, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel (ODC), 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 and review on September 7, 2023, the Court is of the opinion to and does concur with and approve the recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is ORDERED that:

- (1) The respondent James C. Griesacker is **publicly reprimanded**;
- (2) The respondent must complete an additional 12 hours of continuing legal education in legal ethics during the current reporting period, over and above all hours regularly required;
- (3) The respondent shall undergo a comprehensive evaluation with the Judicial and Lawyer Assistance Program and comply with the recommendations, if any, for treatment and care; and
- (4) The respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent James C. Griesacker and the ODC constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

