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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 5th of May, 2017, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs) No. 15-0977

James J. Palmer, III,
Respondent

MANDATE

Pursuant to Rule of Appellate Procedure 26, the opinion previously issued in the above-captioned case is now final and is hereby certified to the Lawyer Disciplinary Board and to the parties. The respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia is hereby suspended for 30 days. Respondent must also complete six additional hours of continuing legal education in addition to the hours already required; three hours shall be in the area of ethics and office management and three hours in representation of clients with respect to petitions for writ of habeas corpus. Upon reinstatement, respondent shall be placed on six months of probation with his practice supervised by an attorney who is in his geographic area, in good standing and agreed to by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, imposes a mandatory duty upon the respondent to, inter alia, inform clients of his suspension and file an affidavit with this Court. Prior to the respondent automatically being reinstated, the respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the costs of this action in the

amount of \$1,210.66. The Clerk is directed to remove this action from the docket of this Court.

A True Copy

Attest: //s// Rory L. Perry II
Clerk of Court

