STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston,

Kanawha County, on June 16, 2020, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel,

Petitioner

vs.) No. 20-0021

John B. Hardison, a member of the

West Virginia State Bar,

Respondent

ORDER

On May 21, 2020, the respondent, John B. Hardison, by counsel, Tim C. Carrico, Carrico

Law Offices, LC; and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief

Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a joint motion to dismiss the petition or in the alternative

motion to hold in abeyance, for the reasons set forth therein.

Upon consideration and review on June 15, 2020, the Court is of the opinion to and does

hereby grant the motion in the alternative. It is ordered that this matter shall be, and it hereby

is, held in abeyance until further order of the Court. The West Virginia Judges and Lawyers

Assistance Program shall provide reports to the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel and this

Court regarding respondent's compliance with his monitoring contract. It is further ordered that

the reports shall be filed under seal.

Chief Justice Armstead and Justice Workman disqualified.

A True Copy

Attest: <u>/s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser</u> Clerk of Court