

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on August 30, 2017, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 16-0957

Kelly Hamon McLaughlin, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

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ORDER

On May 30, 2017, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by Jay T. McCamic, its chairperson, 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 the following stipulated sanctions agreed to by the parties be adopted:

- (1) Respondent agree to resign from the Office of the Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney;
- (2) Respondent agree not to seek the Office of Prosecutor at any time in the future;
- (3) Respondent's law license be suspended for a period of three years; and
- (4) Respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, to be capped at the time of the agreed upon stipulations in this case.

On June 2, 2017, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Andrea J. Hinerman, Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. Neither consent nor objection was filed by the respondent.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby approve the recommendation of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee. It is therefore ordered that:

- (1) The Court acknowledges that the respondent resigned from her position as Prosecuting Attorney for Braxton County on March 15, 2017.

Respondent shall not at any time in the future, by appointment or election, seek to hold the position of a prosecuting attorney.;

(2) Respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia shall be, and it hereby is, suspended for a period of three years, and respondent shall comply with the duties of a suspended lawyer in accordance with Rule 3.28, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and

(3) Respondent shall pay the costs of this proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, as agreed to by the parties.

Service of a copy of this order upon The West Virginia State Bar, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and Kelly Hamon McLaughlin shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

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

