

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on October 20, 2023, the following order was made and entered:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 22-845

Wells H. Dillon, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On August 17, 2023, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair William L. Mundy, 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 admonished;
- (2) Respondent take an additional six (6) hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal ethics; and
- (3) Respondent pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

On August 23, 2023, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent Wells H. Dillon, by counsel William O. Merriman, Jr., filed his consent to the recommendation on August 30, 2023.

Upon consideration and review on October 19, 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. Justice Armstead and Justice Bunn would defer consideration of the recommendation of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee at this time.

It is ORDERED that:

- (1) The Respondent Wells H. Dillon is ADMONISHED;
- (2) The Respondent is required to complete an additional 6 hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal ethics, during the current reporting period, over and above the hours already required; and
- (3) 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 William O. Merriman, Jr., counsel for the respondent, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar, constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

