

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
JOHN MICHAEL CASSELL

VS
VS B Docket No. 19-000-114956

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE
AND
ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND HEARING

It appearing to the Board that John Michael Cassell was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 27, 1979, and,

It further appearing that John Michael Cassell has been revoked from the practice of law by Order dated January 10, 2019, by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals at Charleston, Kanawha County.

It further appearing that such disciplinary action has become final.

It is ORDERED, pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-24, that the license of John Michael Cassell to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby suspended effective April 8, 2019.

It is further ORDERED that John Michael Cassell appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board at the State Corporation Commission – Courtroom B, Tyler Building 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, at 9:00 a.m. on April 26, 2019, to show cause why the same discipline that was imposed in the other jurisdiction should not be imposed by the Board.

It is further ORDERED that John Michael Cassell shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the suspension of his license to practice law in Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and the presiding judges in pending

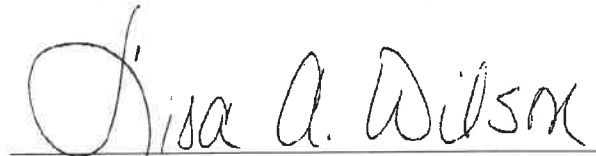
litigation. The Attorney shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Attorney shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the suspension order, and make such arrangements as are required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the suspension order. The Attorney shall also furnish proof to the bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the suspension order that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements for the disposition of matters made. Issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein shall be determined by the Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of Order entered on January 10, 2019 by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals at Charleston, Kanawha County be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to John Michael Cassell by certified mail at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, Cassell & Prinz, PLLC, 201 N. George St., Suite 202, Charles Town, WV 25414, and to Paulo E. Franco, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026.

ENTERED THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2019

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa A. Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lisa A. Wilson, Chair

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on January 10, 2019, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 18-0067

J. Michael Cassell, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

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DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

ORDER

On January 26, 2018, the petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition seeking annulment of the law license in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, J. Michael Cassell, pursuant to Rule 3.18, Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

The respondent, by counsel L. Jill McIntyre, Jackson & Kelly, PLLC, subsequently filed a request for a mitigation hearing. On July 26, 2018, the Court received the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board's ruling denying the request for a mitigation hearing. Having reviewed the Hearing Panel Subcommittee's decision denying the request for a mitigation hearing, the Court upholds the Hearing Panel Subcommittee's decision that a mitigation hearing is not warranted in this matter.

Upon consideration and review of the petition seeking annulment, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby grant the petition. It is therefore ordered that the license to practice law in the State of West Virginia of the respondent, J. Michael Cassell, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled.**

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

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

