

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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On March 23, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

v.) No. 25-269

Justin L. Criner, a member of
The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On December 22, 2025, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Chip Williams, pursuant to Rule 3.20 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, presented to the Court its written recommended disposition in this reciprocal disciplinary action, recommending that the same sanction that the State of Virginia issued be imposed. The Hearing Panel Subcommittee recommends that the respondent's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia be annulled.

On January 22, 2026, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachel L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel filed a motion for leave to file the consent out of time on February 3, 2026. The motion for leave to file out of time is granted.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to and does concur with and does approve the recommended disposition of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board. It is ORDERED that the same sanction imposed by the State of Virginia will be imposed here and the respondent Justin L. Criner's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia is annulled.

Service of an attested copy of this order upon the respondent Justin L. Criner, the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar constitutes sufficient notice of its contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ C. Casey Forbes
Clerk of Court

