

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

On October 8, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

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Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

v.) No. 25-651

Thomas H. Evans, III, a member
of the West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On August 10, 2026, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by its Chair Margaret E. Lewis, in accordance with Rule 3.10 of the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, filed its written recommended disposition in this matter, recommending that:

- (1) Respondent's law license be suspended for three years;
- (2) That prior to applying for reinstatement in the future, respondent refund \$620.00 to Karen Bolen;
- (3) That respondent complies with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and
- (4) That respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings under to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

On September 1, 2026, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent did not file a consent or objection.

Upon consideration and review, 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.

It is ORDERED that:

- (1) Respondent Thomas H. Evans, III's law license be suspended for three years;
- (2) That prior to applying for reinstatement in the future, respondent shall refund \$620.00 to Karen Bolen;
- (3) That respondent complies with the mandates of Rule 3.28 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure; and
- (4) Respondent shall pay the costs of this disciplinary proceeding under Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure, with the understanding that he and the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel may enter into a payment plan.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent Thomas H. Evans, III, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and the West Virginia State Bar, constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

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

