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Ira M. Haught – Law License Annulled

Charleston, WV— On August 25, 2015, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia issued an Order which annulled Respondent Ira M. Haught's license to practice law in the State of West Virginia. The Court also ordered that Respondent shall pay the costs associated with the disciplinary proceeding. These sanctions were issued based upon a finding that Respondent was not diligent in representing his clients; that he failed to keep his clients informed about the status of their cases; he failed to expedite litigation; he knowingly made a false statement of material fact; he engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation; and he engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

A copy of the Court's Order is attached. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Office of Disciplinary Counsel in Charleston, West Virginia.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 25th day of August, 2015, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

Lawyer Disciplinary Board,
Petitioner

vs.) No. 14-1150

Ira M. Haught, a suspended
member of The West Virginia State Bar,
Respondent

ORDER

On a former day, to-wit, June 25, 2015, the Hearing Panel Subcommittee of the Lawyer Disciplinary Board, by James R. Akers, II, 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: (1) the respondent's law license be annulled; (2) in the event respondent is reinstated in the future, his law practice be supervised for a period of time to be determined by the Hearing Panel Subcommittee presiding over the respective reinstatement proceeding; and (3) respondent be ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure.

Thereafter, on July 2, 2015, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Jessica H. Donahue Rhodes, Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed its consent to the recommendation. The respondent has not filed a response or objection to the recommendation.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby concur with and does hereby approve recommendations No. 1 and No. 3 of the Hearing Panel Subcommittee. It is therefore ordered that: (1) respondent's license to practice law in the

State of West Virginia, shall be, and it hereby is, **annulled**; and (2) respondent shall pay the costs of these proceedings pursuant to Rule 3.15 of the Rules of Lawyer Disciplinary Procedure. The remaining recommendation regarding reinstatement is premature.

Service of a copy of this order upon all parties herein shall constitute sufficient notice of the contents herein.

A True Copy

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

