STATE OF MAINE

BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR

GCF # 18-326

ORDER of
GC Panel B of the
Grievance Commission

Board of Overseers of the Bar
Petitioner

v.

J. D. Hoffman, Esq.
of Portland, ME
Me. Bar No. 008365
Respondent

On November 8, 2019, with due notice, GC Panel B of the Grievance Commission conducted a public disciplinary hearing pursuant to Maine Bar Rule 13(e)(7)(D), concerning alleged misconduct by the Respondent, J. D. Hoffman, Esq. This disciplinary proceeding had been commenced by the filing of a Waiver of Formal Disciplinary Petition by the Board of Overseers of the Bar (the Board) on August 19, 2019.

At the hearing, Attorney Hoffman appeared but was represented by his counsel, James M. Bowie, Esq. The Board was represented by Bar Counsel Aria Eee. Complainant Regan A. Sweeney Esq. did attend the hearing and addressed the panel. Prior to that date, the parties negotiated a stipulated, proposed sanction Report for the Grievance Commission Panel’s review and consideration.

After consideration and deliberation, the proposed Stipulated Report of Findings and Order is rejected and the office of Bar Counsel shall prepare and present a formal petition for disciplinary proceedings before a different panel of the Grievance Commission. Those proceedings shall take place pursuant to Bar Rule 13(e)(7). The Board Clerk will reset this case for hearing, and at a later date, the parties will receive advance notice of the time and place of the hearing.
Date: 12/2/19

Thomas H. Kelley, Esq.
Panel Chair

Margaret D. McGaughey, Esq.
Panel Member

Eric G. Doyon,
Public Member