

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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On June 17, 2026, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

In the Matter of: The Honorable Vincent Shambaugh
Magistrate of Morgan County

No. 26-344

ORDER

On June 15, 2026, Judicial Disciplinary Counsel Teresa A. Tarr and Brian J. Lanham filed a report under Rule 2.14(b) of the Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure asserting that there is probable cause to believe that the respondent, the Honorable Vincent Shambaugh, Magistrate of Morgan County, has engaged in violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. On the same day, Judicial Disciplinary Counsel filed a motion to suspend without pay, to expedite consideration of the matter, and to place the motion under seal, together with a separate motion to seal the Rule 2.14(b) report.

Upon consideration and review, the Court finds that probable cause exists to believe that the respondent has engaged in serious violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The Court grants the motions to seal and the motion to expedite consideration of this matter. The Rule 2.14(b) report and motion to suspend without pay, to expedite consideration, and to place the motion under sealed are to be kept confidential by the Clerk of Court until further order of this Court.

The motion to suspend without pay is granted, in part, and refused, in part. It is **ORDERED** that the respondent is temporarily suspended. The temporary suspension is to be imposed with pay. Justice Flanigan would have imposed the temporary suspension without pay. Judicial Disciplinary Counsel is directed to file formal charges with the Clerk of this Court when appropriate. Pending resolution of that disciplinary action, the respondent is prohibited from hearing any further civil or criminal matters or performing any other judicial functions.

By this order, notice is provided to the respondent of his right to request a hearing on the issue of the temporary suspension within thirty days of this order.

The Clerk of Court is directed to serve an attested copy of this order upon Judicial Disciplinary Counsel, counsel for the respondent, the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Morgan County, and the Administrative Director of the Courts.

A True Copy

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

