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Subject: Suspension of Attorney C. Patrick Carrick's License to Practice Law in the State of West Virginia

Background: By an order of the Circuit Court for Monongalia County, West Virginia, Attorney C. Patrick Carrick was suspended from the practice of law in West Virginia for an indefinite period beginning January 22, 2009 until ethics charges are resolved. In partial compliance with this order, the court has named George B. Arnistead, Esq., as trustee of Mr. Carrick's account and files.

Purpose and Scope: To advise all appropriate DCMWC staff of Attorney Carrick's suspension from practice.

Applicability: Appropriate DCMWC personnel.

References: 20 CFR 725.363(a) and (b), and 20 CFR 725.365.

Action: Effective January 22, 2009, Attorney C. Patrick Carrick will not be permitted to act as an attorney on behalf of black lung claimants until further notice. Pursuant to 20 CFR 725.363(b), the District Director's approval or the approval of the appropriate adjudication officer is required before he may act as a lay representative in Black Lung cases.

The District Director should report any suspected violations of this suspension to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, 2008 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25311 and may advise claimants of this address. Individual claimants may also file an ethics complaint by visiting <http://www.wvbar.org/BARINFO/ODC/main.asp> and downloading a complaint form.

Disposition: Retain this Bulletin until notified that this suspension period has been completed, or you are notified that the court's order has been modified.



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