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Ronald R. Carpenter
Clerk

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECONSTITUTING)
THE PRACTICE OF LAW BOARD)
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ORDER

NO. 25700-B-559

The Practice of Law Board was suspended on November 6, 2014, for a period of six months pursuant to this Court's Order No. 25700-B-550 while the status of GR 25 was evaluated by a work group chaired by Justice Steven González. The Court, having considered the work group's findings at its June 3 and June 4, 2015, En Banc Conferences, has by majority vote determined the following:

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

- (a) That the suspension of the Practice of Law Board is lifted.
- (b) That the Practice of Law Board shall increase its focus on educating the public about how to receive competent legal assistance and considering new avenues for nonlawyers to provide legal and law-related services.
- (c) That the Practice of Law Board shall cease all of its enforcement activities except for receiving complaints alleging the unauthorized practice of law, determining whether such complaints are frivolous, and referring nonfrivolous complaints to appropriate authorities.

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(d) That the Practice of Law Board may otherwise continue its mission, including rendering advisory opinions.

(e) That the Practice of Law Board shall convene interested stakeholders to engage in a broad based discussion about the future of the Practice of Law Board and then submit its recommendations to the Court.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 8th day of July, 2015.

Madsen, C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE