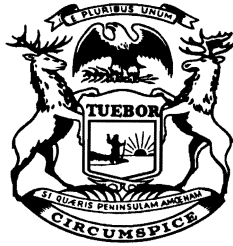


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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 16-28-GA

Notice Issued: October 7, 2016

Robert A. Switzer, P 74724, Lincoln Park, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #25.

1. Suspension - Three Years and One Day
2. Effective October 7, 2016¹

Respondent did not attend the public hearing and was in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in his representation of three separate clients by neglecting their legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failing to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of a legal matters and respond promptly to reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failing to explain the legal matters to the extent necessary for the clients to remain reasonably informed regarding the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failing to refund unearned attorney fees paid in advance, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly disobeying his duties under the rules of a court or tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); and failing to answer four requests for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1), (2) and (4); and MRPC 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(b) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for three years and one day. The panel also ordered respondent to pay restitution in the total amount of \$3,275.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,803.84.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: October 7, 2016

¹ On May 23, 2016, the hearing panel issued an order suspending respondent from the practice law based on his failure to appear at the public hearing. That suspension went into effect on May 31, 2016. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued May 31, 2016.