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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION
(Pending Appeal)

Case No. 15-73-GA

Notice Issued: August 31, 2016

Thomas J. Shannon, P 35152, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Tri-County Hearing Panel #14.

1. Suspension - 2½ Years
2. Effective August 27, 2016¹

Respondent filed an answer to the formal complaint and appeared at the public hearings. The panel found that respondent committed acts of professional misconduct by accepting a new retainer from a new client in a matter after an order suspending respondent's license to practice law for 90 days was issued; failing to disclose that he was subject to a suspension order in his representation of three separate clients in lawsuits against each of their former employers; and filing an affidavit for automatic reinstatement which falsely stated that he had no active clients after the issuance of an order of suspension, and falsely stated that he did not accept any new retainers after the entry of the order of suspension. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4), and (9); MCR 9.119(A)-(B), (D) and (E)(4); MCR 9.123(A); and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 2½ years; that he pay restitution in the amount of \$1,500.00; and that he be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct. The Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review on August 23, 2016, seeking an increase in discipline. Respondent filed a petition for review on August 26, 2016, but did not file a request for a stay of discipline. Therefore, this matter will be scheduled for hearing before the Attorney Discipline Board.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: August 31, 2016

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since September 21, 2015. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(2), issued September 23, 2015.