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## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS** (By Consent)

Case No. 16-12-GA

Notice Issued: August 2, 2016

Angela Kathleen Howell, P 70129, Warren, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #107.

- 1. 180 Day Suspension
- 2. Effective August 1, 2016

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The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based on respondent's default for failure to answer the complaint, respondent's admissions, and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that the respondent held funds other than client or third party funds in an IOLTA account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3); failed to promptly distribute all portions of property (i.e., her earned fees) to which ownership was not in dispute, in violation of MRPC 1.15(c); failed to hold property of clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from respondent's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); deposited her own funds, including earned fees, in an IOLTA account, in an amount more than reasonably necessary to pay financial institution charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f); and violated MRPC 8.4(a), MCR 9.104(2), and MCR 9.104(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days. The panel also ordered that the respondent shall resolve the contempt finding issued against her by payment of the court ordered amount of \$8,477.93 and costs of \$750 through an installment payment plan, or by obtaining a modification/setting aside of the judgment. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$964.95.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: August 2, 2016