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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Case No. 16-24-GA

Notice Issued: July 27, 2016

Matthew David Herman, P 74872, Grand Rapids, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #4.

- 1. Disbarment
- Effective July 27, 2016.

Respondent did appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for failing to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent failed to hold property of his client in connection with his representation separate from his own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); commingled funds by depositing his personal funds into the IOLTA which did not represent service charges, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f); failed to diligently represent his client's interests, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c) and 1.3; failed to seek the lawful objectives of his client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, such that his conduct reflected adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and, violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(4).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,941.28.

Mark A Armitage

Dated: JUL 2 7 2016