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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 15-82-GA

Notice Issued: July 8, 2016

John F. Royal, P 27800, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #27800.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective July 8, 2016

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 upon respondent's pleas and admissions, and the stipulation of the parties, the panel finds that respondent held funds other than client or third person funds in an IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3); failed to hold property of his clients or third persons separate from his own and in an IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); deposited his own funds into an IOLTA in an amount more than reasonably necessary to pay financial institution charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f); and engaged in conduct which violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4).

In entering this finding of misconduct, the panel acknowledges paragraph three of the stipulation filed November 24, 2015, which states that respondent violated a duty owed to the profession, his mental state was negligent, and based upon the specific facts and circumstances of this case, there was no actual and little potential injury to any client.

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded and subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount \$782.73.

Mark A. Armitage

2016 Dated: