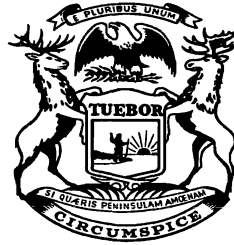


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**NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 15-110-GA

**Notice Issued: April 20, 2016**

John M. Macdonald, P 31666, Hillsdale, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Calhoun County Hearing Panel #1.

1. Disbarment
2. Effective April 11, 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 admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected a client matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1 (a); failed to act with diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds which a client or third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to render an accounting of the funds upon request by a client or third person, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to hold a client's property separate from the lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to deposit client or third party funds into a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to deposit advance legal fees and expenses into a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to withdraw advance legal fees and expenses only as earned, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to refund an advance payment of fee which has not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); engaged in conduct which involved dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or a violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); and, failed to answer a request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2). The panel also found that respondent violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, effective April 11, 2016, as stipulated by the parties, and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$12,466.45. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$879.32.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: **APR 20 2016**