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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 16-21-GA

Notice Issued: March 30, 2016

James C. Bowser, P 40480, Fair Haven, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #105.

- 1. Disbarment
- 2. Effective March 30, 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 plea and the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that the client or third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); and, failed to hold client and third party funds in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer's funds, failed to deposit the client or third person funds into an IOLTA or non-IOLTA, and failed to appropriately safeguard such funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d). The panel also found that respondent had violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c) and MCR 9.104(1)-(3).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, effective March 30, 2016, as stipulated by the parties, and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$287,023.33. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$806.46.

A. Armitage

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