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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case Nos. 15-43-GA; 15-62-GA

Notice Issued: March 16, 2016

Kevin Kevelighan, P 59357, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #53.

- 1. Suspension 179 Days
- 2. Effective May 16, 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 the stipulation, the panel found that respondent neglected his clients' legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(C); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); 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 clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from his own property, 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); upon termination of representation, failed to refund any advance payment of fee that had not been earned and failed to surrender papers and property to which the client is entitled, 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, or misrepresentation 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 timely answer one request for investigation and failed to answer a separate request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7), MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2). The panel also found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c) and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be suspended from the practice of law in Michigan for 179 days, effective May 16, 2016, as stipulated by the parties. Respondent was also ordered to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$2,500.00, and be subject to conditions relevant to the admitted misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$981.72.

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