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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITIONS

Case No. 15-121-GA

Notice Issued: May 17, 2016

Cynthia Young, P 75849, Lathrup Village, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #65.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective May 13, 2016¹

Respondent was in default for her failure to file an answer to the formal complaint but she did appear at the public hearing. After the public hearing held on January 6, 2016, however, Tri-County Hearing Panel #65 ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan should be immediately suspended and her license was suspended January 11, 2016, pending further order of the panel.

Based on respondent's default, the panel found that respondent handled a legal matter without preparation adequate in the circumstances, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed regarding the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); revealed a confidence or secret of a client, in violation of MRPC 1.6(b)(1); used a confidence or secret of a client to the disadvantage of the client, in violation of MRPC 1.6(b)(2); failed to refund an unearned attorney fee paid in advance, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MCR 3.4(c); and, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or misrepresentation, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) [sic]. The panel also found that respondent violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 180 days, effective May 13, 2016, the day the order was issued. The panel also ordered respondent to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$2,650.00 and comply with a condition relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,448.01.


Mark A. Armitage

Dated: MAY 17 2016

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 11, 2016. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension issued March 3, 2016.