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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITIONS

Case No. 14-82-GA

Notice Issued: March 1, 2016

Carolyn J. Jackson, P 53018, Berkley, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #57.

- 1. Suspension - 60 Days
- 2. Effective February 24, 2016

Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(C); failed to seek the lawful objectives of her client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of her matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to a client to the extent necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); and failed to refund an advance fee which has not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d). The panel further found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c) and MCR 9.104(2)-(4).

The panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded with conditions relevant to the established misconduct. The panel further ordered that respondent complete the conditions within a specific time period. If respondent failed to complete the conditions within the required time frame, the panel would increase respondent's sanction to a 60-day suspension. Respondent did not complete the conditions within the required time frame and the panel increased the sanction from a reprimand to a 60-day suspension with conditions.

Respondent filed a petition for review and requested a stay of discipline. The Board granted the stay and, upon review, affirmed the hearing panel's order of suspension and restitution with conditions. Respondent's motion for reconsideration was also denied by the Board. On November 24, 2015, respondent filed an application for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court which was denied on February 2, 2016. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,327.60.

Dated: