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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 15-45-GA

Notice Issued: February 26, 2016

Francois M. Nabwangu, P 61388, Brooklyn, New York, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #10.

- 1. Suspension One Year
- 2. Effective February 18, 2016

Respondent appeared at the public hearing but was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on that default, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected a client's legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(e); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness on his client's behalf, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of her matter and to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to return his client's file materials, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); failed to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); failed to answer requests for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7); attempted to obtain an agreement for withdrawal of a request for investigation from his client, in violation of MCR 9.104(10)(b); and, failed or refused to appear or give evidence, to be sworn or affirmed, or to answer proper questions after being ordered to so, in violation of MCR 9.112(D)(2).

Respondent was also found to have mismanaged a client trust account (IOLTA), in violation of MRPC 1.15(A); held funds other than client or third party funds in an IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3); and, failed to hold property of clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from respondent's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d). Finally, the panel found that respondent had violated MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(2) and (4).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for one year and assessed costs in the amount of \$1,978.77.

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