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**AMENDED FINAL NOTICE OF REPRIMAND AND RESTITUTION<sup>1</sup>**

Case No. 12-29-GA

**Notice Issued: October 20, 2015**

Richard A. Meier, P 38204, Novi, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board, vacating Tri-County Hearing Panel #5's order of suspension and restitution; modifying the findings of misconduct, reducing discipline and modifying the order of restitution.

1. Reprimand
2. Effective July 15, 2015

The hearing panel found that respondent committed various types of misconduct while handling the matters of two clients. The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 30 days and that he pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$8,000.00. Respondent petitioned for review and his suspension was stayed pending review by the Board.

Upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board modified the panel's findings of misconduct, concluding that there was adequate evidentiary support for only the finding that respondent failed to keep a client reasonably informed regarding the status of her legal matter and respond promptly to reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a). The Board reduced discipline from a 30-day suspension to a reprimand and modified the order of restitution to \$4,000.00. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$3,422.31.

Mark A. Armitage

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Amended as to p-number only.