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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 14-89-GA

Notice Issued: January 14, 2015

Nathan S. French, P 55531, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-Hearing Panel #54.

1. Disbarred
2. Effective January 14, 2015¹

Respondent failed to appear at the hearing and the panel suspended his license, effective November 18, 2014, pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1). Additionally, respondent was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on his default, the panel found that respondent, in handling a insurance benefits claim, failed to keep his client reasonably informed of the status of her matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matter to his client to the extent necessary to permit her to make informed decisions regarding her representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to notify his client of the receipt of funds in which she had an interest, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(1); failed to promptly deliver funds that his client was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); failed to notify his client of his suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(A); practiced law or held himself out as an attorney during a period of suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(E); knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1 (a)(2); and failed to answer a request for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2), and MCR 9.104(7). The panel further found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c), and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$9,195.13. Costs were assessed in the amount of 1,722.50.



Mark A. Armitage

Dated: JAN 14 2015

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since June 7, 2012. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1) issued June 8, 2012.