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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Case No. 14-63-GA

Notice Issued: January 13, 2015

David B. Tamsen, P 32688, Allen Park, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #9.

- 1. Disbarred
- 2. Effective January 13, 20151

Respondent failed to appear at the hearing and the panel suspended his license, effective September 22, 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 the conduct alleged in Formal Complaint 14-63-GA was deemed admitted and that respondent had committed the professional misconduct as alleged. Specifically, the panel found that respondent, in a probate matter, neglected the legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of the matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); failed to notify his client or a third person when funds in which his client or a third person had an interest are received, in violation of MRPC 1 .15(b)(1); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that his client or a third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); knowingly made a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal or failed to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 3.3(a)(1); knowingly offered evidence that the lawyer knows to be false, in violation of MRPC 3.3(a)(3); and knowingly made a false statement of material fact or law to a third person, in the course of representing a client, in violation of MRPC 4.1; and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of a 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). The panel further found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c), and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,145.36.

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Dated:

Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since September 22, 2014. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued November 20, 2014.