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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 14-88-GA

Notice Issued: February 5, 2015

Hilary A. Eriksen, P 30567, Bear Lake, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Grand Traverse County Hearing Panel #1.

- 1. Suspension 180 Days
- 2. Effective January 31, 2015

Respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for her failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent failed to seek a client's lawful objectives through reasonably available means permitted by law, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to adequately communicate with her clients, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a) and (b); and failed to answer two Requests for Investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7), MCR 9.113(A), and MCR 9.113(B)(2).

The panel further found that respondent violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and, engaged in conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, contrary to MCR 9.104(4).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 Days and that she pay restitution in the amount of \$2,000.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,845.74.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated:

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