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FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 14-13-GA

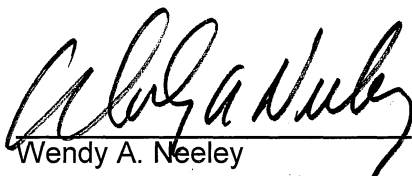
Notice Issued: October 21, 2015

Eugene A. Goretta, P 14207, Ecorse, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #3.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective October 21, 2014

Respondent appeared at the hearing and filed an answer to the formal complaint. The hearing panel found that respondent failed to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that a client or third person is entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to hold separate funds or property of which two people claim an interest, in violation of MRPC 1.15(c); failed to hold property of a third person in connection with representation separate from the lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); made a false statement of material fact to a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.3; made a false statement of material fact to a third person, in violation of MRPC 4.1; and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or misrepresentation, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b). The panel also found that respondent violated MCR 9.104(A)(2) and (3).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$5,610.00. Respondent filed a petition for review and a motion for stay of discipline. The Attorney Discipline Board denied respondent's motion for stay of discipline on October 20, 2014. Upon review, the Board affirmed the hearing panel's order of suspension and restitution on April 14, 2015. Respondent filed a motion for reconsideration which was denied by the Board on June 17, 2015. Respondent then filed an application for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court which was denied on September 29, 2015. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,156.01.


Wendy A. Neeley

Dated: OCT 21 2015