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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION
(Pending Appeal)

Case No. 14-13-GA

Notice Issued: October 21, 2014

Eugene A. Goreta, 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 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. On October 20, 2014, the Attorney Discipline Board denied respondent's motion for stay of discipline and scheduled a review hearing for January 21, 2015.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: **OCT 21 2014**