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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION

Case No. 13-52-GA

Notice Issued: January 8, 2014

Richard R. Feeley, P 59570, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-Valley Hearing Panel #2.

- 1. Suspension 180 Days
- 2. Effective January 3, 2014

Respondent did not appear at the public hearing and was found to be in default for failing to file an answer to Formal Complaint 13-52-GA. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent engaged in professional misconduct by neglecting his clients' legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of his clients through means reasonably permitted by law, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); upon termination of representation, failed to refund any advance payment of fees that have not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); upon termination of representation, failed to surrender papers and property to which the clients are entitled, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly failed to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1 (a)(2); and failed to answer three requests for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2). The panel also found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a)-(c) and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

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 aggregate amount of \$4,549.00. The panel also ordered that respondent comply with a condition relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,763.55.

Mark A. Armitage

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Dated: