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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION (By Consent)

Case No. 13-81-GA

Notice Issued: January 9, 2014

Gregory B. Ladewski, P 64113, Benton Harbor, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Berrien County Hearing Panel #1.

- 1. Suspension 120 Days
- 2. Effective January 1, 2014

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based on respondent's admissions and plea of no contest, the panel found that respondent failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of her matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions about the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); and, failed to exercise independent judgment and render candid advice to his client, in violation of MRPC 2.1. The panel further found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (b); and MCR 9.104(2)-(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice in Michigan be suspended for 120 days and that he be subject to a condition relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$756.97.

Mark A. Armitage

Dated: JAN - 9 2614