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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 18-84-GA

Notice Issued: November 15, 2018

Jonathan S. Baker, P 45707, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #101.

Suspension - 179 Days, Effective November 14, 2018

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for 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. The stipulation contained respondent's admissions that he committed acts of professional misconduct as the result of his improper use of an IOLTA account from January though April 2018.

Based upon respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent held funds other than client or third person funds in an IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3); and deposited his own funds into an IOLTA in an amount more than reasonably necessary to pay financial institution service charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(2) and (3); and MRPC 8.4(a).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 179 days and that he be required to attend the next presentation of the seminars titled "Lawyer Trust Accounts: Management Principles and Recordkeeping Resources" and "Tips and Tools for A Successful Practice" offered by the State Bar of Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$780.33.

Mark A. Armitage Executive Director