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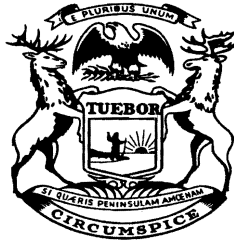
NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 13-13-GA

Notice Issued: June 25, 2013

Lisa A. Godfrey, P 38385, Kalamazoo, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kalamazoo Hearing Panel #1.

1.   Reprimand

2.   Effective June 25, 2013

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 plea of no contest, the panel found that respondent failed to have a QDRO prepared and entered in a post-divorce matter, and failed to provide the client file to successor counsel. Specifically, respondent neglected her client's legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of the matter and to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to communicate with her client to the extent reasonably necessary for her to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); and failed to release her client file upon termination of the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d). The panel also found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of $756.51.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: JUN 25 2013