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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 12-134-GA

Notice Issued: June 18, 2013

Paul D. Curtis, P 29737, Detroit, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #23.

- 1. Suspension 120 Days
- 2. Effective June 15, 2013

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator, through their respective counsel, 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 neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek his client's lawful objectives through reasonably available means permitted by law, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to communicate with his client, in violation of MRPC I.4(a) and (b); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); failed to refund the advance payment of a fee that has not been earned, 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); violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and, engaged in conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, contrary to MCR 9.104(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 120 days and that he pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$6,837.10. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$762.40.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: JUN 18 2013