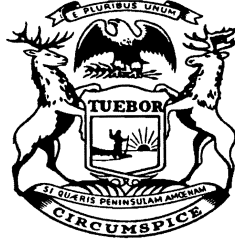


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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT
(By Consent)

Case No. 12-5-GA

Notice Issued: March 26, 2013

Barbara J. Ruckes, P 44146, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #52.

1. Disbarment
2. Effective March 23, 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. Respondent admitted that she failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that her client was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to appropriately safeguard client funds by holding them after deposit in an IOLTA or a non-IOLTA account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts 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 violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,122.60.


John F. Van Bolt

MAR 26 2013

Dated: _____