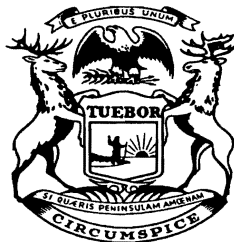


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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 12-90-GA

Notice Issued: March 22, 2013

James M. O'Briant, P 41156, East Lansing, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Ingham County Hearing Panel #1.

1. Reprimand
2. Effective March 22, 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 improperly settled a claim for malpractice with his client without first advising his client in writing of his right to independent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.8(h)(2).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$763.60.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Van Bolt", written over a horizontal line.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **MAR 22 2013**