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## FINAL NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 12-80-GA

## Notice Issued: May 20, 2014

Anthony T. Chambers, P 38177, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board, increasing discipline from a 180-Day Suspension With Condition to Disbarment and Restitution.

- 1. Disbarred
- 2. Effective April 22, 2013<sup>1</sup>

Respondent appeared at the hearing but was found to be in default for failing to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected two legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1 (c): failed to seek the lawful objectives of his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep his clients reasonably informed of the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to his clients to the extent necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding their representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to properly pay or deliver any funds that his clients are entitled to. in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to hold property of his clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to deposit his clients' funds into an IOLTA or non-IOLTA account separate from the lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to deposit legal fees paid in advance into a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to refund, upon termination of the representation, any advance payment of fee that has not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); and knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2). The panel also found that respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c); and MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since April 22, 2013. Please see Notice of Suspension With Condition issued April 23, 2013.

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct. On April 25, 2013, the Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review, seeking an increase in discipline. Upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board increased discipline to disbarment and ordered respondent to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$37,500.00. Respondent filed an application for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court which was denied on April 28, 2014. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$3,448.05.

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Dated:	MAY	20	2014	