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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case Nos. 21-29-JC; 21-30-GA

Notice Issued: August 19, 2021

Daniel M. Blandford, P 29106, Grand Haven, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #1.

Suspension - 180 Days, Effective August 18, 2021

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of 180-Day Suspension With Conditions, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contained respondent's admission that he was convicted of of operating while intoxicated, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCR 257.6251-A, in a matter titled People of the State of Michigan v Daniel Blandford, 58th District Court Case No. GH-20-061734-SD.1

Additionally, the stipulation contained respondent's plea of no contest to the factual allegations contained in the Formal Complaint - that he was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated in Monroe County, Florida; that he posted a cash bond guaranteeing his appearance for an arraignment scheduled in State of Florida v Daniel Martin Blandford, 16th Judicial Circuit Court for Monroe County, Florida, Case No. 2006-CT-00914-A-P; that thereafter, he was charged in an information filed with the Court by a Florida Assistant State Attorney with Driving Under the Influence, contrary to Fla Stat. § 316.193; that he failed to appear for his arraignment, his cash bond was forfeited, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest; and that the bench warrant is still outstanding. The stipulation further contained respondent's admission to all of the allegations of professional misconduct set forth in paragraphs 15a-e of the Formal Complaint.

Based on respondent's admissions, plea of no contest and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MCR 9.104(5). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3); and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

In accordance with the parties' stipulation, the panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 180 days and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$781.50.

¹ The notice also referenced respondent's two prior misdemeanor drinking related convictions that occurred in February 1992 and March 1991, in matters titled People v Daniel Martin Blandford, 58th District Court Case No. GH-91-002674-ST/91-001566-CT, and, People v Daniel Martin Blanford [sic], 58th District Court Case No. GH-90-002765-CT, respectively.