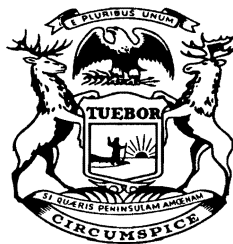


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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 12-45-GA

**Notice Issued: December 18, 2012**

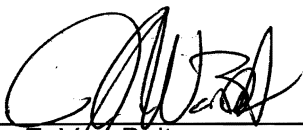
Thomas A. Mengesha, P 59421, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #8.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective December 18, 2012

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 pleaded no contest to the allegations that, in his capacity as trustee for a trust, he took personal loans (approximately \$95,000.00) from the trust without disclosing the terms of the loans in writing to the owner of the trust, or obtaining the owner's consent in writing. Additionally, the loan arrangement between respondent and the Trust did not provide for a rate or schedule for the return of the personal loans taken by respondent.

Based on the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent had entered into a business transaction with a client which transaction and terms were not fair and reasonable to the client and were not fully disclosed and transmitted to the client in a manner that can reasonably be understood by the client, in violation of MRPC 1.8(a)(1); entered into a business transaction with a client in which the client does not consent to the transactions and its terms in writing, in violation of MRPC 1.8(a)(3); and, engaged in conduct that is a violation of the of the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(c).

In accordance with the stipulation, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$101,871.09. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$825.28.

  
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