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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 12-121-GA

Notice Issued: January 21, 2013

David J. Nickola, P 43203, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #2.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective December 27, 2012

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator submitted a stipulation for consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). The stipulation was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and was accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contains respondent's plea of *nolo contendere* to the allegations, that, as a result of his actions, he engaged in professional misconduct by undertaking the representation of a client that was or could have been materially limited by his own interest; in violation of MRPC 1.7(b); failing to withdraw when the representation would result in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 1.16(a); pursuing an objective that the attorney considers imprudent, in violation of 1/16(b); failing to render candid advice to his client, in violation of MRPC 2.1; engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(a); exposing the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaging in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.140(3); and violating or attempting to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4).

The stipulation was approved by the hearing panel and, in accordance with the agreement of the parties, the panel ordered that the respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,137.46.

John F. Van Bolt

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