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FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION

Case No. 12-24-GA

Notice Issued: December 14, 2012

Jan E. Slotnick, P 65190, Pinckney, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #1.

- 1. Suspension - 180 Days
- 2. Effective December 13, 2012¹

The panel issued an order of interim suspension of respondent's license, effective June 15. 2012, based on her claim of physical incapacity for her inability to appear at a hearing scheduled for June 18, 2012. Respondent appeared at the subsequent hearing, but was found to be in default for her failure to file an answer to the formal complaint.

Based on respondent's default, the panel found that respondent, in three separate matters, neglected the matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters and failed to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit her clients to make informed decisions regarding their representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); prejudiced the proper administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(1); exposed the legal profession or the court to obloquy, contempt, censure or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and violated the rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, in violation of MCR 9.104(4). In one of the matters, respondent failed to abide by a rule of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); and in the other two matters, she failed to communicate regarding the basis or rate of the fee, in violation of MRPC 1.5(b); failed to keep her own property separate from property of her clients or third persons in connection with a representation, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); and failed to deposit legal fees and expenses paid in advance into a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, to run consecutive to the previously ordered interim suspension. The panel also ordered that respondent be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct and pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$15,450.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$\$1,824.90.

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Dated:

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since June 15, 2012. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(2), issued June 18, 2012.