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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 12-50-GA

Notice Issued: October 25, 2012

James C. Hall, P 39216, Warren, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #108.

- 1. Suspension Three Years
- 2. Effective October 24, 2012¹

Respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for failing to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and comply with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to the extent necessary to permit a client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests upon termination of representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the client, in violation of MRPC 3.2; knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciOplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); failed to answer a request for investigation or complaint in conformity with MCR 9.113 and MCR 9.115(D), in violation of MCR 9.104(7); violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct exposing the legal profession or the courts to obloguy, contempt, ensure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, in violation of MCR 9.104(4).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for three years. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,742,50.

John F. Varl

Dated: UGT 25



¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since June 15, 2011. Please see Notice of Suspension, issued June 15, 2011.