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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION

Case No. 11-115-GA

Notice Issued: August 1, 2012

Frederick L. McDonald, P 17366, Ann Arbor, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #6.

- 1. Disbarment
- 2. Effective August 1, 2012

Respondent failed to file an answer to the formal complaint and failed to file a motion to set aside his default filed October 20, 2011. However, respondent did appear at the hearing on sanctions and provided testimony to the panel.

Based on respondent's default and the exhibits offered into evidence by the Grievance Administrator, the hearing panel found that, in his capacity as attorney for a decedent's estate in Washtenaw County during the period March 20, 2001 to June 7, 2006, respondent neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of a client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to promptly pay or deliver funds to a client or a third person, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to promptly render a full accounting of the funds held on behalf of the estate, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation, in violation of MRPC 3.2; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation or deceit, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1) and MRPC 8.4(c); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(3); and engaged in conduct that violated the standards or rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(4) and MRPC 8.4(a).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent should be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, and ordered the payment of restitution to the decedent's estate in the amount of \$83,807.63. The panel also ordered that respondent be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,284.50.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: AUG 0 1 2012