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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 12-36-GA

Notice Issued: August 21, 2012

Anthony W. Devine, P 59372, Northville, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #10.

- 1. Disbarment
- 2. Effective August 15, 2012

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 hearing panel found that respondent obtained a \$20,000.00 line of credit by creating and using fraudulent documents; using a former client's personal and financial information to create the fraudulent documents; and failed to answer the request for investigation. Specifically, the panel found that respondent had violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts 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 engaged in conduct that is a violation of the criminal law of a state, in violation of MCR 9.104(5).

Additionally, the panel also found that respondent knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); failed to answer a request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1).

The panel ordered the respondent be disbarred from the practice law in Michigan and pay restitution in the amount of \$20,000.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,651.49.

Mark A. Armitage

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Dated: