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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 11-126-GA

Notice Issued: February 13, 2012

Ralph J. Sirlin, P 24635, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #54.

1. Reprimand
2. Effective February 11, 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 he committed professional misconduct by neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failing to seek his clients' lawful objective; in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failing to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failing to explain the matter to the clients to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failing to timely answer a request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); violating or attempting to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a); engaging in conduct that exposes the legal profession to obloquy contempt, censure or reproach; in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaging in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded and assessed costs in the amount of \$761.58.



John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **FEB 13 2012**