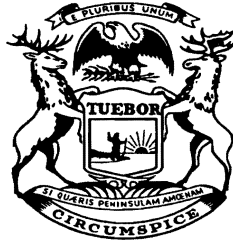


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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT PURSUANT TO RESIGNATION UNDER MCR 9.115(M)

Case No. 11-137-MZ

Notice Issued: January 27, 2012

John M. Merritt, P 40291, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #9.

1. Disbarment Pursuant to MCR 9.115(M)
2. Effective January 26, 2012

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulated petition to allow the respondent's resignation under MCR 9.115(M)¹, which acknowledged that: 1) respondent was the subject of an "Order Approving Resignation from Oklahoma Bar Association Pending Disciplinary Proceedings," filed June 27, 2011, in *State of Oklahoma v John M Merritt*, 2011 OK 67 (OK Sup Ct 2011); and 2), as a result, respondent was the subject of an investigation by the Attorney Grievance Commission.

The stipulation of the parties was assigned to a hearing panel which approved the stipulated petition and entered an order of disbarment pursuant to MCR 9.115(M) on January 4, 2012. Costs were not assessed in this matter.


John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **JAN 27 2012**

¹ MCR 9.115(M) - Resignation by Respondent; Admission of Charges. An attorney's resignation may not be accepted while a request for investigation or a complaint is pending, except pursuant to an order of disbarment..