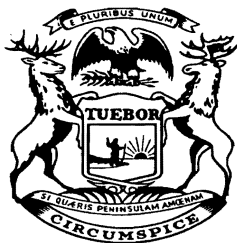


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**FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 11-36-GA

Notice Issued: July 9, 2012

Susan S. Pushman, P 53574, Lincoln Park, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #14.

1. Suspension - One Year
2. Effective December 27, 2011<sup>1</sup>

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, in two divorce matters, neglected the matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit her clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to take reasonable steps to protect her clients' interests and refund any unearned fees upon termination of representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); failed to answer requests for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(7); failed to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); 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 MCR 9.104(A)(1) and MRPC 8.4(c); engaging 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 violates the standards or rules of professional responsibility adopted by the Supreme Court, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(4).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for one year, retroactive to December 27, 2011, the date of respondent's interim suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1). The panel also ordered that respondent pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$1,250.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,782.93.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **JUL - 9 2012**

<sup>1</sup>Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since December 27, 2011. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1) issued January 17, 2012,