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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 11-34-GA

Notice Issued: November 7, 2011

Rowland A. Short, Jr., P 63628, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #16.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective November 5, 2011

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 no contest to the allegations that, in a criminal defense matter, he failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his clients to make informed decisions regarding their representation; engaged in a conflict of interest; and, upon termination of the representation; failed to refund any advance payment of fee that had not been earned, in violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(b); 1.7(b); and 1.16(d).

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded and pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$2,250.00. The panel further ordered that respondent shall be subject to a condition relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$761.31.