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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION (By Consent)

Case No. 11-47-GA

Notice Issued: June 16, 2011

Robert E. Jones, P 31661, Allen Park, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #24.

- 1. Suspension 180 Days
- 2. Effective December 12, 2010¹

The respondent and Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Respondent admitted that he held himself out as authorized to practice law after he was suspended and practiced law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction. Respondent also admitted that, in three client matters, he failed to maintain reasonable communications with his clients; failed to explain the legal proceedings to his clients to the extent reasonably necessary to permit them to make informed decisions concerning their matters; and failed to refund unearned fees. Finally, respondent admitted that he failed to provide competent advice to one of those clients and neglected the legal matters of the other two clients.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); MCR 9.119(E)(3); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) and (c); 1.4(a) and (b); 1.16(d); 5.5(a); and 8.4(a) and (c).

In accordance with the stipulation, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, retroactive to December 12, 2010. Respondent was also ordered to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$2,100.00 and comply with a condition relevant to the admitted misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,026.91.

John F. Van Bolt

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¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since December 11, 2008. Please see Notice of Suspension issued December 15, 2008, in *Grievance Administrator v Robert E. Jones*, ADB Case No. 08-135-RD.