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## NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 20-75-GA

## Notice Issued: February 9, 2021

Harrell D. Milhouse, P 43392, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #3.

Reprimand, Effective February 2, 2021

Respondent and the 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. Based upon respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct by abandoning his representation of a client in a potential action arising from the purchase of a vehicle.

Specifically, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit a client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); and, failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests upon termination of representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(2)-(4) and MRPC 8.4(a).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$765.00.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage Executive Director