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## NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 08-173-GA

Notice Issued: July 9, 2009

Stephen M. Lazzio, P 30468, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #4.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective July 9, 2009

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a 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 pled no contest to the allegations that he handled a legal matter which he knew or should have known that he was not competent to handle; neglected a legal matter; failed to seek the lawful objectives of a client; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter; failed to refund any advance payment of a fee that had not been earned upon termination of representation; and failed to surrender papers to which the client was entitled upon termination of representation, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) and (c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a); 1.16(d); and 8.4(a) and (c).

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$913.29.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: JUL - 9 2009