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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 09-23-GA

Notice Issued: June 26, 2009

John F. Gorniak, P 49862, Utica, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #103.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective June 26, 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 neglected a legal matter entrusted to him; failed to seek the client's lawful objectives through reasonably available means permitted by law; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client; failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information; failed to explain a matter to the client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make an informed decision regarding the representation; and violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); and 8.4(a).

Based upon the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$755.83.

John F. Van Bolt∕

JUN 26 2009

Dated: