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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 19-100-GA

Notice Issued: January 27, 2021

C. Michael Gorte, P 14213, Bay City, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-Valley Hearing Panel #1.

Reprimand, Effective January 8, 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 neglecting a client's divorce matter and mishandling his trust account.

Specifically, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter, 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; and, deposited his own funds into a client trust account in an amount in excess of that reasonably necessary to pay financial institution service charges or fees or to obtain a waiver of service charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$776.30.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director