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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case Nos. 06-76-JC; 06-77-GA

Notice Issued: December 22, 2009

Murdoch Hertzog, P 14913, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board, increasing suspension from 120 days to 180 days.

- 1. Suspension 180 Days
- 2. Effective December 22, 2009

The panel found that respondent entered a plea of guilty on May 7, 2001 to a charge of assault and battery; failed to provide notice of his conviction as required by MCR 9.120(A); provided a false response to his 2003-2004 State Bar Dues Statement; failed to respond to the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 State Bar Dues Statements; failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from the Michigan Supreme Court; knowingly made a false statement of a material fact by claiming that the plea was under advisement; made sexually explicit remarks to a female client; and engaged in inappropriate physical contact with that client.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.014(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 8.1(A)(1) and (B)(2); and 8.4(a) and (c)

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 120 days. The Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review and respondent filed a cross-petition for review, along with a motion for stay of discipline, which was granted by the Attorney Discipline Board.

Upon review, the Board issued its order increasing discipline from a 120 day suspension to a 180 day suspension. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$5,330.01.

John F. Van Bolt DEC 22 2009

Dated: