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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 08-89-GA

Notice Issued: September 2, 2008

Bernard A. Jocuns, P 65478, North Branch, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board St. Clair County Hearing Panel #2.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective August 30, 2008

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, in a property dispute litigation, he failed to provide competent representation; handled a legal matter which he knew or should have known that he was not competent to handle, without associating with a lawyer who is competent to handle it; represented a client, or not withdrawing from the representation of a client, where the representation will result in a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct; and brought a proceeding, or asserted or controverted an issue therein, unless there is a basis for doing so that is not frivolous.

Respondent was charged with violations of Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1; 1.16(a)(1); and 3.1. Based on the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$769.23.

John F. Van /Bolt

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