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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 08-82-GA

Notice Issued: November 26, 2008

Mark E. Ross, P 50988, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #76.

- 1. Suspension One Year
- 2. Effective May 26, 2008¹

The respondent filed an answer and appeared at the public hearing. Subsequent to the hearing, the parties filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). Based on respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel found that respondent, in two litigation matters, neglected the legal matters; failed to communicate reasonably with those clients; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness; and failed to return documents and property upon termination fo the representation. Additionally, the panel found that respondent was suspended from the practice of law in Michigan, effective November 28, 2007, but that he failed to notify his clients, opposing counsel, and tribunals of his suspension, as required under MCR 9.119. Finally, respondent failed to file timely answers to requests for investigations served upon him by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); MCR 9.115(D); MCR 9.119(A) and (C); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a); 1.16(d); and 8.4(a).

Based on the agreement of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for one year, effective May 26, 2008, and pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$1,050.00. Costs were assessed in the total amount of \$1,232.70.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **NOV 26** 2008

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since November 28, 2007. Please see Notice of Suspension and Restitution With Conditions, issued November 28, 2007.