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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (Pending Appeal)

Case No. 06-137-GA

Notice Issued: April 4, 2008

- J. Terence O'Donnell, P 31181, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #54.
 - 1. Suspension 180 Days
 - 2. Effective April 2, 2008

The hearing panel found that respondent neglected a client's legal matter; exhibited a lack of diligence; failed to notify and promptly deliver funds to a third person; failed to obey a lawful demand of a disciplinary authority; submitted a false answer to the Attorney Grievance Commission; failed to provide a trust accounting; and engaged in dishonest and deceitful conduct, in violation of MCL 700.7103(3); MCR 9.104(A)(1), (3) and (7); MCR 9.113(A); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.15(b); 1.3; 8.1(a)(1); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 180 days. The Grievance Administrator filed a timely petition for review which will be scheduled for hearing before the Attorney Discipline Board.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: APR

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Attorney Discipline Board

GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

V Case No. 06-137-GA

J. TERENCE O'DONNELL, P 31181,

Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #54

This matter is before the panel upon the filing of Formal Complaint 06-137-GA charging that respondent, J. Terence O'Donnell has committed acts of professional misconduct warranting discipline. The panel has filed its report which includes application of the American Bar Association's Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions, its findings and conclusions as to misconduct and discipline, and being otherwise fully advised;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that respondent is SUSPENDED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN MICHIGAN FOR A PERIOD OF 180 DAYS COMMENCING <u>April 2, 2008</u>, and until further order of the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board or a hearing panel, and until respondent complies with the requirements of MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the effective date of this order is April 2, 2008.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the effective date of this order and until reinstatement in accordance with the applicable provisions of MCR 9.123, respondent is forbidden from practicing law in any form; appearing as an attorney before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority; or holding himself out as an attorney by any means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, in accordance with MCR 9.119(A), within seven days after the effective date of this order, notify all of his active clients, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the following:

- 1. the nature and duration of the discipline imposed;
- 2. the effective date of such discipline:

- respondent's inability to act as an attorney after the effective date of such discipline;
- 4. the location and identity of the custodian of the clients' files and records which will be made available to them or to substitute counsel;
- 5. that the clients may wish to seek legal advice and counsel elsewhere; provided that if respondent is a member of a law firm, the firm may continue to represent each client with the client's express written consent;
- 6. the address to which all correspondence to respondent may be addressed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with MCR 9.119(B), respondent must, on or before the effective date of the order, in every matter in which respondent is representing a client in litigation, file with the tribunal and all parties a notice of respondent's disqualification from the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, within 14 days after the effective date of the order, file with the Grievance Administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board an affidavit of compliance as required by MCR 9.119(C).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's conduct after the entry of this order but prior to its effective date, shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in MCR 9.119(D); and respondent's compensation for legal services shall be subject to the restrictions described in MCR 9.119(F).

pay costs in the amount of <u>\$4,725.28</u>. Check or money order shall be made payable to the State Bar of Michigan, but submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board [211 West Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226] for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet).

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Tri-County Hearing Panel #54

Bv:

DATED: March 11, 2008

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