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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (Pending Appeal)

Case No. 07-04-GA

Notice Issued: August 15, 2007

Robert J. McQuade, P 40677, Centerline, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #79.

- 1. Suspension 180 Days
- 2. Effective August 10, 2007

Based on respondent's arrest for possession of a synthetic narcotic and narcotic equipment, the Grievance Administrator alleged that respondent committed professional misconduct when he engaged in conduct that violated a criminal of a State or the United States; engaged in conduct that involved dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or violation of the criminal law; engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach; and engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals. Respondent filed an answer to the formal complaint but did not appear at the public hearing. Based on respondent's answer, the Grievance Administrator filed a motion for summary disposition which was granted by the hearing panel, and all charges of misconduct in the formal complaint were deemed to have been proven. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(2)-(5); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 8.4(a) and (b).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days. Respondent filed a timely petition for review and a request for stay of discipline. On August 10, 2007, the Attorney Discipline Board denied respondent's request for a stay of discipline but ordered that the costs be held in abeyance. This matter will be scheduled for a hearing before the Attorney Discipline Board.

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