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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case No. 19-98-GA

Notice Issued: October 2, 2020

Marc J. Shefman, P 65021, Royal Oak, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #67.

Suspension - 60 Days, Effective September 24, 2020

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for 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. The stipulation contained respondent's admissions to the allegations that he committed acts of professional misconduct in relation to one client's settlement funds, and another client's collection matters.

Based on respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, in a 2-1 decision, the panel majority accepted the parties' stipulation and found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to promptly notify the client when the funds in which the client had an interest were received, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(1); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that the client or a third person is entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); and, failed to appropriately safeguard funds in his IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d). The panel majority also found that respondent violated MCR 9.104(2) and (3).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 60 days and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,047.20. A dissenting panelist would have rejected the stipulation for consent order of discipline concluding that the agreed upon discipline was insufficient for the admitted misconduct.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage Executive Director