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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 07-15-GA

**Notice Issued: August 10, 2007**

Brian J. Gault, P 66051, La Salle, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #4.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective August 2, 2007<sup>1</sup>

The respondent failed to appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on that default, the panel found that respondent, in a divorce matter, abandoned the matter; failed to promptly deliver the unearned legal fee upon his client's request; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and misrepresentation by telling his client that pleadings had been filed when they were not, that service of the complaint had not been made due to the court clerk misfiling the pleadings; engaged in conduct prejudicial to the proper administration of justice; and engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession and the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1) and (2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 1.16(d); 3.2; and 8.4(b).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$300.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,834.64.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: AUG 10 2007

<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since December 29, 2006. See Notice of Automatic Suspension for Non-Payment of Costs, issued January 3, 2007.