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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 06-31-GA

## Notice Issued: April 27, 2007

Wendell N. Davis, Jr., P 27470, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #77.

- 1. Suspension 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Years
- 2. Effective April 17, 2007

The respondent and Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), containing respondent's plea of no contest to the allegations that he committed professional misconduct in his representation of three personal injury clients when he misappropriated client funds; failed to promptly render an accurate accounting regarding a settlement; commingled client funds with his own property; settled a claim for liability with his unrepresented client and did not advise his client in writing that independent representation is appropriate in connection therewith; paid a disputed medical service bill without authorization by his client; accepted compensation for representing a client without the client's consent; failed to respond to the Attorney Grievance Commission's demand for information; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer; and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 8.121; MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a); 1.8(f); 1.8(h)(2); 1.15(b)(3) [formerly 1.15(b)]; 1.15(d) [formerly 1.15(a)]; 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c).

In accordance with the stipulation approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission, the panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan should be suspended for two and a half years and that respondent pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$1,939.26. The panel also ordered that respondent be subject to conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct and assessed costs in the amount of \$1,523.35.

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