NOTICE OF REPRIMAND WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 02-140-GA

Notice Issued: February 2, 2006

Ronald D. Miller, P 40764, Santa Monica, California, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #61.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective February 2, 2006

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), containing respondent's plea of no contest to the allegation that respondent failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that his office had in effect measures to ensure that a nonlawyer employee refrained from conduct which was not compatible with respondent's professional obligations, including his obligation to establish the attorney/client relationship and fee arrangement with a client; to provide legal advice to the client regarding the merits of and the timeline for filing his appeal; to ensure that he or another attorney within the office established a direct relationship with the client to gather the facts and information regarding the client's legal matter; and to protect the client's interest upon termination of representation.

Respondent was charged with a violation of Michigan Rule of Professional Conduct 5.3(a).

The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded with conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$5,309.06.