NOTICE OF REPRIMAND AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 05-21-GA

Notice Issued: November 4, 2005

Dennis W. Reid, P 37363, Sandusky, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #104.

- 1. Reprimand
- 2. Effective October 18, 2005

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 allegations that respondent, in a landlord/tenant matter, failed to move for a stay of the amended judgment; failed to file a brief on appeal and allowed the appeal to be involuntarily dismissed; failed to tell his client that the appeal was dismissed; and agreed to handle his client's appeal when he should have known that he was incompetent to handle it. In a civil matter, respondent pled no contest to the allegation that he failed to file an appeal after having been retained to do so. In a title dispute appeal, respondent pled no contest to the allegations that he failed to timely order a transcript of the proceedings from which he was appealing as required by court rule; allowed his client's appeal to be involuntarily dismissed; agreed to handle his client's appeal when he should have known that he was incompetent to handle the matter; and failed to tell his client that the appeal was dismissed.

Respondent was charged with a violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) and (c); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 3.4(c); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded and pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$6,500.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,194.22.