

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS
(By Consent)

Case Nos. 04-41-GA; 04-165-GA

Notice Issued: April 12, 2005

Robert J. Connelly, P 38051, Portage, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Kalamazoo County Hearing Panel #2.

1. Suspension - 1 Year
2. Effective April 15, 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 he failed to file answers to 12 requests for investigation served by the Grievance Administrator; failed to respond to reasonable requests for communication in 10 client matters; neglected nine client matters; failed to refund unearned attorney fees or retainers in three client matters; failed to return client files in four client matters; failed to act with reasonable diligence in one client matter; failed to provide communication to one client regarding his decision to pursue or not pursue a medical malpractice claim; failed to provide one client with an accounting of the attorney fee paid; and failed to take action after a client's case was dismissed for non-service.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7), MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.16(a); 1.16(d); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The parties agreed that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan should be suspended for one year and that respondent be subject to certain conditions, including the payment of restitution in the aggregate amount of \$5,750.00, along with other conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,167.93.