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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 20-1-GA

Notice Issued: June 8, 2020

Michael R. Honeywell, P 70342, Ionia, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #4.

Suspension - 365 Days, Effective March 17, 2020

Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that he committed professional misconduct in his representation of a client in a civil matter filed against an adjacent properly owner seeking damages for trespassing and conversion.

The panel found that respondent handled a legal matter without preparation adequate in the circumstances, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b); failed to seek the lawful objective of a client through reasonably available means, in violation of MRPC 1.2; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed regarding the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); and failed to explain a matter to a client to the extent reasonably necessary for a client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(2) and (3).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 365 days, effective retroactively to March 17, 2020, the date respondent's license to practice law was suspended pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), and that he be required to pay restitution in the amount of \$19,516.89. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,152.56.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage **Executive Director**