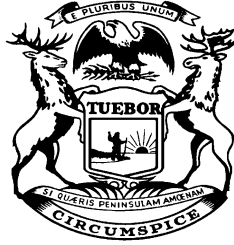


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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 18-37-GA

Notice Issued: March 30, 2020

Ernest Friedman, P 26642, Farmington Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #57.

Suspension - 60 Days, effective March 25, 2020

After proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.115 and based on the evidence presented by the parties at the hearings held in this matter, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct when he neglected a client's file, failed to adequately prepare for trial, and failed to explain a cost issue to his client, which eventually led to the dismissal of the case. The panel found that the dismissal was caused by respondent's neglect, thus, asking the client to pay approximately \$7,400 in costs necessary to re-file the lawsuit, was improper and contrary to justice, ethics and honesty.

The panel found that respondent handled a legal matter without preparation adequate in the circumstances, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b); neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); and engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 60 days. Respondent filed a petition for review and request for stay and the discipline ordered by the hearing panel was automatically stayed pursuant to MCR 9.115(K). Upon review, the Board affirmed the hearing panel's order on October 8, 2019. Respondent filed an application for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court, which was denied on March 4, 2020. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$4,353.11.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director