

**NOTICE OF REPRIMAND**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 03-44-GA

**Notice Issued: January 6, 2004**

James E. Boardman, P 45078, Saint Joseph, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Berrien County Hearing Panel #1.

1. Reprimand
2. Effective December 27, 2003.

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, in a civil litigation, respondent failed to file an answer to the complaint or otherwise defend his client in the lawsuit; failed to advise his client that he was not going to answer the complaint or otherwise defend his client in the lawsuit; and allowed a default judgment to be entered against his client. Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) and (c); 1.3; 1.4(b); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$769.06.