

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 03-110-GA

Notice Issued: December 4, 2003

Ronald A. Chapman, P 11789, Sag Harbor, New York, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #84.

1. Reprimand
2. Effective December 3, 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 nolo contendere to the allegations that after February 1998, in a divorce matter, he failed to take any further action on his client's matter, including filing a motion to release the remaining funds being held in escrow by the court; failed to adequately communicate with his client or to respond to his reasonable requests for information regarding the status of his matter; failed to respond to another attorney's requests for information, made at his client's direction; and abandoned the representation without notice to his client. Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 3.2; and 8.4(a) and (c).

The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$759.31.