

## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 03-48-GA

**Notice Issued: August 6, 2003**

Keith Godfrey, P 35353, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #23.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective May 22, 2003

The hearing panel found, by default, that respondent, in a divorce matter, neglected the matter after filing an answer on behalf of his client; misappropriated monies given for an appraisal; and failed to refund unearned fees. In a guardianship matter and subsequent probate matter, respondent neglected the matter by failing to file an appearance or initiate any action on his client's behalf. Respondent also failed to advise his client that he would take no further action on her behalf; and failed to refund the full amount of unearned fees. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 1.15(a); 1.15(a); 1.16(d); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$1,301.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,762.52.