

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION
(Pending Appeal)

Case No. 00-192-GA

Notice Issued: October 22, 2002

Che A. Karega, P-31387, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #76.

1. Suspension - 150 days;
2. Effective October 22, 2002

The hearing panel found that respondent neglected a criminal defense matter entrusted to him; failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of her case; and failed to communicate with his client regarding his fees and his decision to discontinue his representation when his client was bound over for trial in a circuit court. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and MRPC 1.1(c); 1.4(a); 1.4(b); and 8.4(a). The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice be suspended for 150 days with a condition relevant to the established misconduct.

Both the Grievance Administrator and respondent filed timely petitions for review and the Attorney Discipline Board granted respondent's request for a stay of discipline. On September 30, 2002, the Board issued an order affirming the hearing panel's order of suspension and extended respondent's stay of discipline an additional 21 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$783.09.

On October 21, 2002, the Grievance Administrator filed an application for leave to appeal with the Supreme Court seeking increased discipline. The respondent did not file a timely application for leave and the suspension affirmed by the Board took effect on October 22, 2002.