

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case Nos. 01-114-GA; 01-131-FA

Notice Issued: March 13, 2002

Mark T. Light, P-16673, Okemos, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Ingham County Hearing Panel #2.

1. Suspension - 1 Year;
2. Effective March 13, 2002.

The hearing panel found, by default, that respondent failed to properly file a claim of appeal and other necessary documents on his client's behalf; failed to advise his client that the claim of appeal was dismissed and that he had filed a delayed application for appeal on her behalf; and verbally misrepresented the status of the court of appeals case as pending when he knew the case had been dismissed. Further, respondent failed to advise another client that his claim in federal court was dismissed; failed to advise him that he had filed a suit in the circuit court on his behalf; and failed to advise him that the claim in state court had been dismissed. Finally, respondent failed to file an answer to a formal complaint. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(b); 8.1(b); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for one year and that he pay restitution of \$3,000.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$350.17.