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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION

(Pending Review)

Case No. 19-80-GA

Notice Issued: March 30, 2020

Jeffrey R. Sharp, P 53838, Troy, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #57.

Suspension - 30 Days, Effective March 18, 2020.

Respondent appeared at the hearing but was in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that he committed professional misconduct when he practiced law during a time while he was suspended from the practice for failing to pay his bar dues, failed to respond to phone calls from a client, made false statements in response to a request for investigation, and failed to respond to a request for additional information from the Grievance Administrator.

The panel found that respondent accepted and collected a new retainer or attorney fee after the date of a suspension under Rule 4 of the State Bar of Michigan, in violation of MCR 9.119(D); practiced law while suspended, in violation of MCR 9.119(E); knowingly made a false statement of material fact to a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(1); and knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(3) and MRPC 8.4(b).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 30 days and that he be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct. The Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review, seeking an increase in discipline. A review hearing has been scheduled before the Attorney Discipline Board.

/s/ Mark A. Armitage Executive Director