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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 18-5-GA

Notice Issued: November 6, 2019

Sean Paul O'Bryan, P 45881, Davison, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #4.

Suspension - 179 Days, Effective December 18, 2019

After proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.115 and based on the evidence presented by the parties at the hearings held in this matter, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct while representing a client during their application for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Aid & Attendance Benefits, and in creating a Veterans Affairs compliant trust.

The panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); knowingly made a false statement of material fact or law to a third person in the course of representing a client, in violation of MRPC 4.1; when having direct supervisory authority over other nonlawyers, failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the person's conduct is compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 5.3(b); and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b). Respondent was also found to have violated MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(2) and (3).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 179 days and that he pay restitution totaling \$3,500.00. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$3,552.50.

Mark A. Armitage
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