NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case Nos. 00-165-GA; 00-180-FA

Notice Issued: March 1, 2001

Adam J. Dadaou, P-12432, Inkster, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #15.

- 1. Suspension 270 Days;
- 2. Effective March 1, 2001

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). The stipulation was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent offered a plea of no contest to the charges of misconduct in Counts One through Eight of Formal Complaint 00-165-GA and Formal Complaint 00-180-FA, to wit: That respondent failed to safeguard funds and sale proceeds; failed to notify his client of the receipt of funds; failed to deliver funds to client; failed to maintain adequate records regarding funds; failed to take reasonable steps to clear a defect in title and obtain a final title insurance policy; failed to appear for a show cause hearing, causing the case to be dismissed; failed to take steps to accomplish a name change on stock certificates; failed to file and/or complete a bankruptcy matter; failed to return an unearned fee; failed to respond to numerous inquiries from his clients; and in four cases, respondent abandoned his clients' representation. Further, respondent failed to answer five requests for investigation served by the Grievance Administrator; and failed to file an answer to the formal complaints served upon him by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A); MCR 9.113(B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.5(a); 1.15(a)-(c); 1.16(d); 3.2; 8.1(b); and 8.4(a) and (c). The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 270 days. The panel further ordered that respondent pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$3,021.00 and costs in the amount of \$992.47.