DISMISSAL

Case No. 00-004-GA

- R. Duncan MacDonald, P-16917, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #3.
 - 1. Dismissal.
 - 2. Effective February 16, 2001

The Grievance Administrator filed Formal Complaint 00-004-GA on January 13, 2000 alleging that respondent had committed acts of professional misconduct, specifically: That respondent, in a telephone conversation with opposing counsel, called opposing counsel a "lying son of a bitch" and a "shyster." Respondent was also alleged to have communicated with a party known to be represented by another lawyer without authorization. Respondent's conduct was alleged to have been in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 4.2; 6.5(a); and 8.4(a) and (c).

On September 1, 2000, the hearing panel entered an order dismissing Formal Complaint 00-004-GA. On September 22, 2000, the Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review and a show cause hearing was held on November 16, 2000. The Attorney Discipline Board issued an opinion and order on January 25, 2001 affirming the hearing panel's dismissal. No costs were assessed against respondent.