

FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 00-116-GA

Notice Issued: March 29, 2001

Neal Bush, P-11471, Detroit, Michigan by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #16.

1. Suspension - 18 Months.¹
2. Effective November 23, 2000.

The hearing panel found that the allegations of professional misconduct in the formal complaint were established by respondent's admission, specifically: That when retained to file a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, respondent failed file that petition; failed to advise his client that he had not filed the petition or that he would not do so; failed to keep his client informed regarding the status of his appeal bond; and failed to answer a request for investigation served 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(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 8.1(b); and 8.4(a) and (c). The panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 18 months. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$400.47.

On November 15, 2000, the complainant filed a petition for review regarding restitution and the return of his file. The respondent did not request a stay of discipline and the suspension became effective on November 23, 2000.

The Attorney Discipline Board held review proceedings in abeyance pending the submission of a supplemental report from Tri-County Hearing Panel #16 addressing the complainant's requests. The Tri-County Hearing Panel #16 filed its supplemental report and order denying complainant's requests for restitution and ordering respondent to return the complainant's entire file. The Board issued an order scheduling the matter for hearing but based on complainant's failure to file a timely brief in support of his request, the Board dismissed complainant's petition for review on February 19, 2001.

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 3, 2000. See Corrected Notice of Suspension and Restitution with Conditions, issued December 22, 1999.