

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 00-36-GA

Issued: October 9, 2000

Brian D. Albritton, P-46197, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #71.

1. Reprimand;
2. Effective October 7, 2000.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(f)(5) which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Respondent offered a plea of no contest to the charges of misconduct contained in Count One, paragraphs 6(a) and 6(e), and Counts Two and Five of Formal Complaint 00-36-GA, to wit: Respondent failed to render any services on behalf of his client; failed to collect the underlying judgment on behalf of his client; failed to communicate with his client; failed to execute a written contingent fee agreement for the collection action; and entered into a loan arrangement with his client without obtaining his client's consent to the loan in writing or disclosing the terms in writing and without providing his client the opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel regarding the loan. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a); 1.5(c); 1.8(a); 3.2; and 8.4(a) and (c). The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$238.03.