

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION
(By Consent)

Case No. 99-062-GA

Issued: March 31, 2000

James K. Jesse, P-15498, Buchanan, Michigan, by Kalamazoo County Hearing Panel #2.

1. Suspension - 45 days.
2. Effective March 20, 2000.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator submitted a stipulation for consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). The stipulation was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and was accepted by a hearing panel. Respondent entered a plea of no contest to the allegations of professional misconduct contained in Formal Complaint 99-062-GA, to wit: when appointed to represent a client in an criminal appeal, respondent failed to notice trial court motions for hearing; failed to file an appeal or take any court action on his client's behalf; never filed a motion to withdraw from his client's representation; failed to maintain reasonable communications with his client; and failed to cooperate with the Attorney Grievance Commission in its investigation. The complaint alleged that respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4), Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.16(a)(1); 3.2; 8.1(b); 8.4(a) and (c); and the Minimum Standards for Indigent Criminal Appellate Defense Services, to wit: Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1981-7(1), (3), (5), (15), and (17). The parties agreed that an order of suspension should be entered.

The panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 45 days along with a condition relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$54.88.