

## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

Case Nos. 99-078-GA; 99-094-FA

Joseph P. Kierpiec, P-23914, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #20.

1. Suspension - 30 days.
2. Effective November 20, 1999.

The respondent failed to answer the formal complaint, a default was entered and Formal Complaint 99-094-FA was filed and consolidated for hearing. The hearing panel found that the allegations in Formal Complaint 99-078-GA were established by default, to wit: failure to attend a settlement conference; failure to obtain consent of the complainant before agreeing to voluntarily dismiss a defendant with prejudice; failure to keep complainant advised of the dismissal of the defendants and of the case; failure to respond to complainant's numerous inquiries regarding the matter; and failure to conduct sufficient discovery on behalf of the complainant to support the allegations he made in the complaint filed on the complainant's behalf.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; and 8.4(a) and (c). The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 30 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$349.17.