

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 98-212-GA

Gregory L. Wilkins, P-44281, Detroit, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #23.

- 1) Suspension - 180 Days;
- 2) Effective June 4, 1999.<sup>1</sup>

Respondent was retained to represent the complainant in a federal age discrimination suit against the complainant's employer. After a motion for summary judgment had been granted in favor of the defendant, respondent agreed to file an appeal on the complainant's behalf with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The panel found that respondent neglected the matter; failed to maintain reasonable communications with the complainant; abandoned the matter; and failed to enter into a written contingent fee agreement with the complainant.

The panel concluded that respondent's conduct violated MCR 8.121(F); 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); 1.16(d); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent be suspended from the practice of law in Michigan for a period of 180 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$809.31.

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since September 25, 1997.