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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case No. 21-7-GA

Notice Issued: July 14, 2021

Bart R. Frith, P 39541, Vermontville, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Ingham County Hearing Panel #4.

Suspension - Two Years, Effective November 5, 20191

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Two-Year Suspension, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based on respondent's admissions, no contest plea and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct by making false statements under oath during his reinstatement interview conducted on December 2, 2019, in *In the Matter of the Reinstatement Petition of Bart R. Frith*, 19-114-RP, regarding his use of funds in an account belonging to his now deceased mother, which he had access to as her durable power of attorney and then as the personal representative of her estate.

The panel found that respondent knowingly made a false statement of material fact in connection with a bar admission or disciplinary matter, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(1); and, engaged in conduct that involved misrepresentation, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and MRPC 8.4(a) and (c).

In accordance with the parties' stipulation, the panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of two years, effective November 5, 2019, as agreed to by the parties and explained in their report. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$797.15.

¹Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since November 1, 2018. See Notice of Suspension (By Consent) issued November 2, 2018, *Grievance Administrator v Bart R. Frith*, 18-103-GA.