

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case Nos. 98-24-GA; 98-42-FA

James L. Edmonds, P-36683, Flint and Grosse Pointe, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #5.

- 1) Suspension - 180 Days;
- 2) Effective July 7, 1998.

Respondent was retained to represent the first complainant in a personal injury matter. The panel found, by default, that respondent neglected the matter and failed to timely answer the Request for Investigation.

Respondent filed appearances on behalf of the second and third complainants, a married couple, in criminal matters before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. The Court of Appeals issued an order consolidating the matters for briefing. The panel found, by default, that respondent neglected and abandoned the matters and failed to timely answer the Requests for Investigation. Respondent also failed to answer the Formal Complaints. Respondent did, however, appear at the disciplinary hearing.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2). and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.16(d); 3.2; 3.4(c); 8.1(b) and 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent be suspended from the practice of law for 180 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$503.94.

Respondent filed a delayed petition for review and request for stay of discipline. The request for stay was denied. On September 15, 1998, the Attorney Discipline Board entered an Order Dismissing Respondent's Petition for Review for his failure to file the required brief in support of his petition.

