NOTICE OF REPRIMAND AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 98-26-GA

Anthony E. Walton, P-36628, Detroit, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #24.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective May 30, 1998.

On July 23, 1996, respondent was retained and paid \$1,000 to represent the complainant in a criminal matter. Respondent was suspended from the practice of law effective July 25, 1996.1. Respondent later advised the complainant of his suspension. In September 1996, the complainant demanded the return of the \$1,000 fee he had paid to respondent.

Respondent entered a plea of no contest to allegations that he failed to promptly refund the unearned fee and failed to timely answer the Request for Investigation, 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 1.15(b); 1.16(d); 8.1(b); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The parties stipulated that respondent be reprimanded and make restitution to the complainant in the amount of \$1,000. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$83.97.

1. Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since July 25, 1996.