

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case Nos. 97-109-GA; 97-176-FA

Leodis Elliott, P-31365, Detroit, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #26.

- 1) Suspension - 180 Days;
- 2) Effective May 6, 1997.

Respondent was retained by the complainant to represent him in regards to a criminal matter. The panel found, by default, that respondent failed to represent his client diligently; failed to further his client's lawful objectives through reasonable means permitted by law; failed to avoid prejudicing or damaging his client's interests; failed to keep his client reasonably informed concerning the status of the matter; failed to refrain from knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal; failed to notify the tribunal of his prior suspension; remained counsel of record during the period of his suspension; failed to file an Affidavit of Compliance with the Grievance Administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board as required by MCR 9.119(C); failed to refund the unearned \$800 fee; failed to answer the Request for Investigation; and failed to answer the Formal Complaints.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4), (7) and (9); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c), 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.5(a), 1.16(d), 5.5(a), 8.1(b), and 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent be suspended from the practice of law for 180 days effective May 6, 1997, the date Formal Complaint 97-109-GA was filed, and make restitution to the complainant in the amount of \$800. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$359.48.

1. Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since June 20, 1996.

