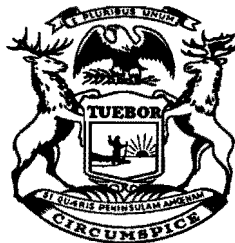


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(By Consent)

Case No. 18-131-GA

Notice Issued: June 17, 2019

Francois M. Nabwangu, P 61388, Brooklyn, New York, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #15.

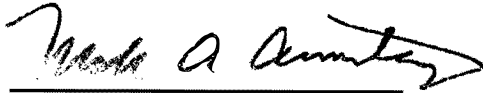
Disbarment, Effective June 14, 2019

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contained respondent's pleas of no contest to the factual allegations set forth in the first amended formal complaint and pleas of no contest to the allegations of professional misconduct contained in the amended complaint, which alleged that respondent committed professional misconduct when he mishandled funds entrusted to him, made false statements during a disciplinary matter, improperly managed his trust account, practiced while suspended, and, among other things, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and fraud.

Based upon respondent's pleas of no contest and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent neglected a matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed of the status of the matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); collected an illegal or clearly excessive fee, in violation of MRPC 1.5(a); represented a client when that representation was materially limited by the lawyer's responsibility to another client, or third person, or by the lawyer's own interests, in violation of MRPC 1.7(b); held funds in an IOLTA that were not client nor third person funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3); failed to hold client or third person funds in an IOLTA or non-IOLTA account, and failed to hold property of a client or third person in connection with a representation separate from a lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); in the course of representing a client, knowingly made a false statement of material fact or law to a third person, in violation of MRPC 4.1; in connection with a disciplinary matter, knowingly made a false statement of material fact and knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(1) and (2); made a knowing misrepresentation of any fact or circumstance surrounding a request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(6); failed to answer a request for

investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113, in violation of MCR 9.104(7); and violated an order of suspension by holding himself out as an attorney and practicing while suspended, in violation of MCR 9.104(9). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3); and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, and pay restitution totaling \$5,000.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,062.09.



Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director