

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case Nos. 97-66-GA; 97-98-FA

Jeanne A. Kennedy, P-44060, Hillsdale, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #5.

- 1) Suspension - 180 Days;
- 2) Effective August 23, 1997.

In June 1991, respondent was retained by the complainant to represent him in the appeal of a veteran's benefits matter. In June 1995, the complainant discharged respondent because she had been suspended from the practice of law and was unable to further render legal services to him.<sup>1</sup> The panel found, by default, that despite her assurance to the complainant that she had possession of his client file, respondent failed to surrender the client file to him; failed to respond to his numerous requests for the return of his file; failed to answer the Request for Investigation; and failed to answer the Formal Complaints. Respondent also failed to 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 1.4; 1.15(b); 1.16(d); 8.1(b) and 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent be suspended from the practice of law for 180 days effective August 23, 1997. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$194.24.

1. Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law since June 27, 1995.