NOTICE OF REPRIMAND AND RESTITUTION (By Consent)

Case No. 96-92-GA

Horace E. Stone, P-21056, Detroit, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #19.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective August 30, 1996.

Respondent was retained to represent the personal representative of an estate, and was paid a \$750 retainer fee. Respondent pled nolo contendere to allegations that he neglected the estate, resulting in the assessment of \$3,316.95 in interest and penalties on the inheritance tax; and failed to remain in adequate communication with his client. Respondent's conduct was alleged to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a); 3.2; and 8.4(a)and(c).

The parties stipulated that respondent be reprimanded and make restitution to the complainant in the amount of \$3,316.95. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$45.96.