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## NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Case No. 19-11-GA

## Notice Issued: July 2, 2019

Susan F. Reed, P 26897, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board **T**ri-County Hearing Panel #66.

Disbarment, Effective June 26, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Based on respondent's default and the evidence presented at the hearing, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in her representation of a client in a criminal matter by failing to respond to the client when he requested a copy of the file, including all discovery materials and assistance drafting a motion for relief from judgment; failing to respond to the client's successor counsel in his request for a copy of the file, including all discovery materials, and by failing to answer an Attorney Grievance Commission request for investigation.

The panel found that respondent failed to make a defendant's file, including all discovery material, available for copying upon request of the defendant's appellate lawyer, in violation of MCR 6.005(H)(5); failed to surrender papers and property to which the client was entitled, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); and failed to answer a request for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A), in violation of MCR 9.104(7). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and MRPC 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,775.96.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since October 20, 2016. Please see Order of Interim Suspension, issued October 20, 2016, *Grievance Administrator v Susan F. Reed*, Case No. 16-76-GA.