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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 18-75-GA

Notice Issued: May 29, 2019

Mickey Larson, P 75903, Sparta, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #5

Suspension - 90 Days, Effective May 17, 2019

The 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 admissions to the allegations that he committed acts of professional misconduct in his representation of a client in a drivers' license restoration matter and in his improper use of an IOLTA account from October 2015 through August 2016.

Based on respondent's admissions and the parties' stipulation, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to hold client and third party funds in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer's own funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); deposited the lawyer's own funds in a client trust account in violation of the amount reasonably necessary to pay financial institution service charges or fees or to obtain a waiver of service charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f); and failed to refund the unearned portion of an advance fee upon termination, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 90 days. The panel also ordered that respondent would not be eligible for reinstatement until he complied with the conditions of his prior 180-day suspension in *Grievance Administrator v Mickey Larson*, Case No. 17-111-GA. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$804.00.

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