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## **NOTICE OF REPRIMAND**

Case No. 15-28-GA

Notice Issued: October 24, 2018

Steven G. Cohen, P 48895, Farmington Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #1.

Reprimand, effective October 24, 2018

After proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.115, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct resulting from his filing of two documents in Wayne County Probate Court.

The panel found that respondent engaged in undignified or discourteous conduct toward the tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.5(d); and that he violated MCR 2.114(D)(3) and MCR 5.114(A)(1), in that he interposed a document in a probate proceeding for an improper purpose. Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1), (2) and (4); and MRPC 8.4(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days. Respondent filed a petition for review and request for stay and the discipline ordered by the hearing panel was automatically stayed pursuant to MCR 9.115(K). The Grievance Administrator filed a cross-petition for review. Upon review, the Board affirmed the hearing panel's findings of misconduct, declined to increase the discipline imposed by the hearing panel, and instead, reduced the discipline imposed to a reprimand. Both the Grievance Administrator and respondent filed applications for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court which were denied on October 2, 2018. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$9,513.05.

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