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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 18-42-GA

Notice Issued: October 9, 2018

Matthew Nicholls, P 74461, Davison, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #3.

Suspension - 180 Days, Effective October 6, 2018¹

Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct by failing to answer a request for investigation and failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority.

The panel found that respondent, in connection with a disciplinary matter, knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2) and MCR 9.104(4); and failed to file with the Grievance Administrator a written answer signed by him fully and fairly disclosing all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the alleged misconduct contained in the Request for Investigation filed against him by complainant, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for a period of 180 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,908.14.

Mark A. Armitage Executive Director

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law since October 28, 2017. See Notice of Suspension With Condition, issued October 30, 2017, *Grievance Administrator v Matthew Nicholls,* Case No. 16-130-GA.