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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case No. 18-103-GA

Notice Issued: November 2, 2018

Bart R. Frith, P 39541, Vermontville, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Ingham County Hearing Panel #6.

Suspension - One Year, Effective November 1, 2018.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a 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. Based upon respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct during his representation of numerous indigent criminal defendants in appeals of their criminal convictions contrary to certain standards of practice imposed by the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS).

Specifically, the panel found that respondent neglected legal matters which were entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in the representation of his clients, in violation of MRPC 1.3; and violated Minimum Standard for Indigent Criminal Appellate Defense Services Standard 5, as adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court, by abandoning client appeals. Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for a period of one year. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$764.96.

endv A. Neelev

Deputy Director