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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 175-87; 195-87

Ralph T. Johnson, P 15542, 5264 VanDyke, Utica, MI 48087 by the Attorney Discipline Board increasing a hearing panel order of reprimand to a suspension of 120 days.

- 1) Suspension - 120 days;
- 2) Effective July 7, 1988.

The Respondent failed to answer two Requests for Investigation regarding his handling of probate matters and failed to answer the Formal Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator. He appeared before the panel which concluded that the Respondent's neglect of two decedents' estates warranted a reprimand. Upon consideration of a Petition for Review filed by the Grievance Administrator, the Attorney Discipline Board ruled that a panel should not overlook the failure to answer Requests for Investigation or Formal Complaints. Such failures constitute separate acts of misconduct pursuant to MCR 9.104(7). The Board noted that the Respondent had also failed to appear in response to an investigative subpoena issued by the Grievance Administrator and he failed to appear before the Board at the show cause proceedings conducted in accordance with MCR 9.118. The discipline imposed was increased to a suspension of 120 days. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4,7); MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,4-6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$416.74.

  
John F. VanBolt

Dated: JUL 08 1988

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