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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 80-87; 105-87

Harry H. Gemuend, Jr., P 13916, 530 Buhl Building, Detroit, MI 48226 by the Attorney Discipline Board increasing the discipline imposed from 120 day suspension to a suspension of 180 days.

- 1) Suspension - 180 days;
- 2) Effective April 15, 1988.

The Formal Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator charged that Respondent filed suit against an insurance company on behalf of a client in September 1983. In 1985, the suit was dismissed by stipulation and Respondent agreed to submit the matter to arbitration. Respondent failed to perform any further services in the matter, failed to comply with an order to answer interrogatories in different litigation involving another defendant and failed to respond to his client's continuing inquiries regarding the status of her cases. A separate count charged that Respondent failed to answer the Request for Investigation filed by the client in November 1986.

Respondent failed to answer either of the Complaints filed by the Grievance Administrator and did not appear at the hearing. The panel concluded that Respondent's conduct violated MCR 9.104(1-4,7); MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.113(A)(B)(2) and Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,5,6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3).

A Petition for Review was filed by the Grievance Administrator and Respondent failed to appear before the Board in response to an Order to Show Cause. The Board increased the suspension of 120 days ordered by the panel to a 180 day suspension. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$246.45. The Board noted the absence of any information in the record concerning Respondent's whereabouts and his continuing automatic suspension for failure to pay his mandatory dues to the State Bar of Michigan for the years 1986, 1987 and 1988.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt".

John F. VanBolt

Dated MAY 02 1988

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