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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 216-87; 242-87

Horace D. Cotton, P 33268, 11036 Chalmers, Detroit, MI 48213 by
Attorney Discipline Board Oakland County Hearing Panel #27.

- 1) Suspension -- 60 days;
- 2) Effective June 1, 1988.

Respondent failed to answer the Formal Complaints consolidated for hearing and failed to appear before the panel at a hearing on January 14, 1988. The panel found that professional misconduct was established and that Respondent's neglect of a legal matter resulted in the dismissal of his client's case, that he failed to inform his client that her case had been dismissed, that he failed to institute various legal proceedings as requested by another client and failed to refund the unearned portion of the fees paid by that client, that he failed to answer a Request for Investigation served October 28, 1986 and that he failed to answer a Formal Complaint served December 1, 1987. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4,7); MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,4-6); DR 2-110(A)(2,3); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$237.69.

Respondent filed a Petition for Review in accordance with MCR 9.118 but failed to appear before the Board at a show cause hearing conducted on May 18, 1988. The Board ordered that Respondent's petition be dismissed and that the automatic stay of discipline be vacated effective June 1, 1988.


John F. Van Bolt

Dated: JUN 02 1988