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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

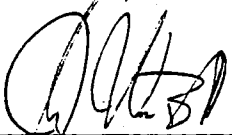
File No. DP 81/86

Stephen M. Lazzio, P 30468, 4070 N. Jennings Road, Flint, MI 48504 by the Attorney Discipline Board reducing a sixty-day suspension to a reprimand.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective April 15, 1988.

It was determined by a hearing panel that Respondent failed to provide competent legal representation in his handling of a probate matter, including his failure to request a determination of inheritance tax, a failure to advise his client of the status of her case, a failure to familiarize himself with the wrongful death statute and his failure to cash a settlement check issued on his client's behalf. Respondent's conduct was alleged to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1,2,4) and Canons 1, 6 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(5,6); DR 6-101(A)(1-3); DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(A)(B)(1,4). The panel noted Respondent's prior reprimands in 1983 and 1985 for failure to provide competent legal representation in other matters and ordered that Respondent be suspended for sixty days unless he satisfactorily fulfilled certain legal education requirements.

On review, the Attorney Discipline Board modified the hearing panel order of discipline by imposing a reprimand with the further condition that the Respondent attend and complete a minimum of six hours of continuing legal education in the field of probate law plus an additional three hours in the field of criminal defense and three hours in the field of divorce practice. This continuing legal education requirement is to be completed within eighteen months. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$460.67.



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Dated: _____

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