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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

ADB 135-87

Robert W. Townsend, P 21527, 1500 Elmwood, Lansing, MI 48917 by Attorney Discipline Board Lansing Hearing Panel #2.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective March 10, 1988.

By a majority, the hearing panel concluded that the Grievance Administrator had established that Respondent borrowed the sum of \$1500.00 from a client, thereby entering into a business transaction in which the client expected the attorney to exercise his professional judgment on the client's behalf but that Respondent failed to advise his client to obtain independent counsel and failed to provide a promissory note. Respondent's conduct was deemed to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4) and DR 5-104(A). Following a separate hearing on discipline, the panel determined that Respondent's actions did not rise to a level of misconduct warranting a suspension from the practice of law. Respondent is reprimanded with the further conditions that he attend and pass a legal ethics course offered by an accredited law school and that he obtain continuing legal education credits in a course on law office management. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1244.84.


John F. VanBolt

Dated:

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