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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

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William E. Jones, P 29772, 804 W. 2nd Street, Gladwini, MI 48624 by Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #4.

- 1) Suspension - one year;
- 2) Effective February 17, 1988.

The Respondent did not answer the Formal Complaint and failed to appear at a hearing in Flint on December 4, 1987. The hearing panel concluded that Respondent's default for failure to answer constituted admissions to allegations that Respondent entered his appearance on behalf of a client in a criminal matter but failed to appear at the scheduled pre-trial and failed to take action to withdraw as counsel; that he submitted an answer to a Request for Investigation which contained a materially misrepresentation; that in preparing and filing a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Respondent violated his duty as an attorney to refrain from filing a suit when he knows or when it is obvious that such action would serve merely to harrass another and to refrain from knowingly advancing a claim that is unwarranted under existing law; and that Respondent was found to be in contempt by the United States District Court for his failure to pay certain assessed costs or appear at the show cause hearing. Respondent's conduct was determined to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4,6), MCR 9.113(A) and Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,5,6), DR 6-101(A)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1-3), DR 7-102(A)(1,2) and DR 7-106(A). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$93.18.

The panel noted Respondent's Reprimand for misconduct in an order dated September 10, 1987 and his suspension for thirty days effective June 26, 1987.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt", written over a horizontal line.

John F. VanBolt

Dated: **FEB 19 1988**

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