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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 212-87; 240-87

William E. Jones, P 29772, 804 W. Second Street, Gladwin, MI 48624
by Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #5.

- 1) Suspension - two years;
- 2) Effective January 24, 1988.

Based upon the defaults entered for his failure to answer two Formal Complaints, the hearing panel concluded that the Respondent was retained in a child custody matter but failed to institute custody proceedings in a timely manner, misrepresented the status of the proceedings to his client, and failed to return his client's documents or the unearned portion of his fee following his discharge. Respondent failed to answer a Request for Investigation and failed to answer the Formal Complaint. His 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, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,4-6); DR 2-106(A); DR 6-101(A)(3); DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(B)(4). The Respondent failed to appear at two separate hearings conducted by the panel. The panel considered Respondent's five admonishments and three prior orders of discipline consisting of a thirty-day suspension in 1987, a reprimand in 1987 and a one-year suspension which became effective February 17, 1988. In an order filed July 21, 1988, the hearing panel in this case suspended Respondent's license for a two year period commencing January 24, 1988 and ordered that restitution be made to his former client in the amount of \$290.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$360.77.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: _____

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