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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

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Gerald W. Banks, P 23905, Toledo, OH 43624, by and Order of the Attorney Discipline Board modifying the effective date of a one-year suspension imposed by the hearing panel.

- 1) Suspension -- one year
- 2) Effective December 21, 1987.

Respondent's license to practice law in the State of Ohio was suspended for a period of one year, effective December 24, 1986. The Order of Suspension issued by the Supreme Court of Ohio was the result of the filing of a report by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Bar which found that Respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him by failing to file a complaint in a personal injury action before the expiration of the statute of limitations, that he closed his office and removed his practice to his home without notification to his clients and that he failed to comply with the registration requirements applicable to attorneys in Ohio. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of Canons 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(6); DR 3-101(B); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(3).

Upon the filing of the suspension order issued by the Ohio Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board ordered Respondent to show cause why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed in the State of Michigan in accordance with the provisions of MCR 9.104. Respondent did not appear at the scheduled hearing on November 10, 1987 and the panel ruled that no evidence had been introduced tending to show that Respondent had not been afforded due process of law or that the imposition of identical discipline in Michigan would be clearly inappropriate. The panel entered an order suspending Respondent's license in Michigan for one year effective December 24, 1986.

Upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board modified the Order of Suspension by changing the effective date to December 21, 1987. Costs in these proceedings were assessed in the amount of \$114.24.

  
John F. VanBolt

Dated:

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