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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 127-87; 141-87

Alan M. Silver, P 20463, 26431 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland County Hearing Panel #3.

- 1) Suspension - 120 days;
- 2) Effective January 7, 1988.

Respondent's default was entered for his failure to answer the Complaint. Respondent offered no objection to the motion for entry of default judgment and the panel concluded that the allegations of misconduct were deemed to be admitted, to wit: that Respondent's failure to seek his client's objectives in a suit for back rent resulted in the entry of a default judgment against his client and the subsequent garnishment of her wages; that the Respondent continued to represent his client after the effective date of an order suspending his license for one year; that he failed to notify his client of his status as a suspended attorney; that he failed to return the unearned fees which he had collected; and that he failed to answer the Request for Investigation and the Formal Complaint. Respondent's conduct is in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4,7,8); MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.113(B)(3) and Canons 1,2,3, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,3-6); DR 2-106(A); DR 2-110(A)(3); DR 3-101(B); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A).

The hearing panel noted Respondent's prior disciplinary history including letters of admonition in 1973, 1977, 1981 and 1984, a Reprimand in 1981, an Order of Probation in 1983, and a one-year suspension effective October 8, 1986. The panel also considered the mitigating effect of Respondent's testimony regarding certain difficulties arising from the pressure and stress of his law practice. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$213.55.

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

John F. VanBolt

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Dated: _____