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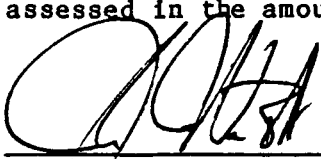
NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB 124-87; 140-87

Melvin Turner, P 27336, 9748 Yensch Road, #152, Maybee, MI 48159 by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #9.

- 1) Suspension - 150 days;
- 2) Effective October 30, 1987.

Respondent's default was entered for his failure to file a timely answer to the six count Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator. In ruling that the default should not be set aside, the Panel noted that the Respondent had failed to notify the State Bar of his change of address as required by Rule 2 of the Supreme Court's Rules concerning the State Bar and the Respondent had failed to submit an Affidavit of Facts showing a meritorious defense as required by MCR 2.603(D)(1). The Panel ruled that the default constituted admissions to the charges that he failed to make timely efforts on his client's behalf in a divorce action; that he failed to notify his client of his suspension from the practice of law for a period of thirty days effective December 1, 1985; that Respondent's reinstatement to the practice of law in accordance with MCR 9.123(A) was based upon an Affidavit of Compliance which contained a material misrepresentation as to Respondent's notification to his clients; that Respondent submitted an answer to a Request for Investigation which contained false and misleading statements; that Respondent failed to file a timely appeal on behalf of a client in post-conviction proceedings; and the Respondent failed to represent a client diligently and expeditiously in post-judgment proceedings in a domestic relations matter. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-6); MCR 9.113(A) and Canons 1,3,6,7, & 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,3-6); DR 3-101(B); DR 6-101(A)(3); DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(B)(4). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$189.07.


John F. VanBolt

Dated: NOV 10 1987