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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

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David F. Cassleman, P 23407, 1555 Luray, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 48504 by Attorney Discipline Board Grand Rapids Hearing Panel #2.

- 1) Suspension - two years;
- 2) Effective October 9, 1987.

The Respondent appeared personally before the Panel and acknowledged that he had failed to file an answer to the Formal Complaint and had taken no action to set aside the default. The Panel concluded that misconduct was established as charged in the Complaint, to wit, Respondent was retained to file an appeal of a judgment entered against his clients but failed to cure the defects in the Claim of Appeal despite notices from the Court, failed to take action to prevent the garnishment of his client's wages, and falsely represented to his clients that their appeal had been properly filed; Respondent failed to notify his clients that his license to practice law was suspended September 17, 1986 but continued to mislead his clients regarding the status of the appeal subsequent to that date; and Respondent failed to answer a Request for Investigation filed by the clients and served by the Grievance Administrator. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4)(7-8), MCR 9.103(C), MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,3-6), DR 2-106(A), DR 3-101(B), DR 6-101(A)(2,3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3).

The Panel considered the mitigating effect of Respondent's apparent efforts to resolve various personal difficulties. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$274.78.

**NOTE:** Respondent's license to practice law has been suspended continuously since September 17, 1986 as the result of a 120 day suspension effective on that date and a one year suspension in another disciplinary matter, effective June 11, 1987.

  
John F. VanBolt

Dated: OCT 13 1987

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