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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

ADB 63-87; 93-87

J. Russell Hughes, Jr. P15239, P. O. Box 567, Shepherd, MI 48883 by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland County Hearing Panel #5.

- 1) Suspension - 120 days;
- 2) Effective October 28, 1987.

The Respondent entered into a Stipulation for Consent Discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). The Respondent admitted that he was retained in April 1985 to institute a civil matter, but that he failed to communicate the status of the case to the client, failed to prevent a dismissal of the case for no progress in July 1986 and failed to return the unearned portion of the fees which had been paid. The Respondent further admitted his failure to answer Requests for Investigation filed by two other clients in unrelated matters. 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 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(5,6); DR 2-110(A)(3); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). The Hearing Panel accepted the stipulation that Respondent be suspended for 120 days and until entry of an order of reinstatement and Respondent was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$350.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$248.50.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: OCT 29 1987

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