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## NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

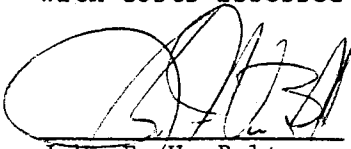
ADB Case Nos. 41-87; 68-87

Betty Jean Skinner, P35031, 414 Main Street, Fenton, MI 48430 by the Attorney Discipline Board Flint Hearing Panel #2.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective September 15, 1987.

The Respondent failed to answer two Formal Complaints. As a result of the Defaults, the allegations of professional misconduct were deemed admitted, to wit: that during her representation of a client in a divorce matter from April through July 1986, Respondent neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and failed to communicate adequately with her client; that Respondent was retained in February 1986 to represent a client in a probate matter but failed to take action to achieve her clients legal objectives and failed to communicate with her client; that she failed to answer two Requests for Investigation; and that she failed to answer a Formal Complaint served on March 31, 1987. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4)(7); MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6); DR 6 1-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3).

The Respondent appeared before the Panel which found that a reprimand was warranted in light of mitigating factors which included her duty to care for a seriously ill family member, the restitution of legal fees, a previously unblemished record and her voluntary cessation of the private practice of law. Restitution in the amount of \$150.00 was ordered together with costs assessed in the amount of \$214.74.

  
John F. VanBolt

Dated: SEP 18 1987