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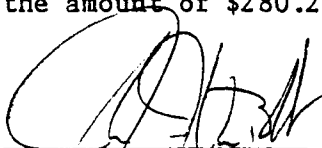
NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

ADB Case No. 57-87; 89-87

William E. Jones, P29772, P.O. Box 542, Gladwin, MI 48624 by the Attorney Discipline Board Midland Hearing Panel.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective September 10, 1987.

The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent, in his representation of a client, prepared and sent a letter to a potential defendant threatening to "bring the full weight of civil litigation and of U.S. Post Office mail fraud investigation to bear" if settlement was not forthcoming. The Panel concluded that the letter was in violation of Canon 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 7-105(A) which directs that "a lawyer shall not present, participate in presenting, or threaten to present criminal charges solely to obtain an advantage in a civil matter". The Panel determined that a Reprimand was warranted in light of several mitigating factors including the nature of Respondent's practice and the lack of supervision or association with an experienced attorney. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$280.23.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: SEP 11 1987