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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

ADB Case Nos. 55-87; 92-87

Richard J. Bahls, P 10338, 264 Cedar Street, Box 539,  
Lapeer, MI 49446 by Attorney Discipline Board Port Huron Hearing  
Panel.

- 1) Suspension - 180 days;
- 2) Effective August 4, 1987.

The Respondent failed to answer two Formal Complaints and failed to appear at the hearing. The Panel concluded that the allegations of misconduct were deemed to be admitted upon the entry of Respondent's default, to wit, that Respondent was appointed to represent a client in post-conviction proceedings but failed to file any pleadings or perform any other services on the client's behalf, that he failed to answer the Request for Investigation served on September 15, 1986 and that he failed to answer the Formal Complaint served on May 5, 1987. The Hearing Panel noted the aggravating effect of Respondent's prior disciplinary history—consisting of reprimands in the years 1970 and 1979 and suspensions of thirty and ninety days in 1975 and 1981 respectively. Respondent is subject to the requirement of MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124 that he appear before a hearing panel to establish his eligibility for reinstatement by clear and convincing evidence. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$116.73.

  
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John F. VanBolt

Dated: AUG 14 1987