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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP 75/85

Leonard R. Eston, P 13231, 1102 Lafayette Building, Detroit, MI 48226 by the Attorney Discipline Board affirming a fifteen month suspension ordered by a hearing panel.

- 1) Suspension - fifteen months;
- 2) Effective July 29, 1987.

By a majority the panel concluded that Respondent did not diligently pursue an appeal on behalf of a client in a criminal matter and improperly ignored orders by the Court of Appeals directing him to file a brief or to otherwise respond. That conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(1,3-4) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional [REDACTED] DR 1-102(A)(5,6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(2), was deemed to warrant a suspension for three months.

The panel determined that a further suspension for twelve months, to be imposed consecutively, was warranted by Respondent's failure to complete the contract of employment with a client in another criminal appeal, his failure to respond to the inquiries of the a United States District Court magistrate to whom the client's complaints had been referred, and his false statements to the magistrate when directed to appear before the Court. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1,3-4) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional [REDACTED] DR 1-102(A)(5-6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(2). The panel noted prior discipline consisting of a sixty-day suspension effective May 28, 1986.

In a unanimous opinion, the Attorney Discipline Board affirmed the findings and order of the hearing panel. Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Stay were denied by the Board in an Order entered July 30, 1987. The discipline affirmed by the Board became effective July 29, 1987.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt".

John F. VanBolt

Dated: AUG 14 1987