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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 48/85

Leonard R. Eston, P 13231, 1102 Lafayette Building, Detroit, MI 48226. by the Michigan Supreme Court denying Respondent's Application for Leave to Appeal an Attorney Discipline Board Order of Reprimand.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective June 26, 1987.

The Hearing Panel found that Respondent, accompanied by his employee and a client, entered the office of another attorney and made an inappropriate display of anger, used foul language and verbally abused that attorney. The Panel concluded, however, that while Respondent's conduct was "socially reprehensible" and "not in conformance with either the public or the Bar's expectation of behavior", such conduct was not deemed to violate a specific court rule or disciplinary rule.

Upon its review of the record, the Attorney Discipline Board affirmed the Panel's factual findings but held that Respondent's conduct fell within the letter and spirit of MCR 9.104(2) which prohibits conduct "that exposes the legal profession to contempt, censure or reproach", and that Respondent's inappropriate use of confrontation and [REDACTED] to gain possession of his client's file could not be condoned. By majority, the Board ordered that Respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$777.66.

Respondent's Application for Leave to Appeal to the Supreme Court was denied by order dated June 26, 1987.


John F. VanBolt

Dated: JUL 02 1987

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