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## NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 9/86

Russell O. Vail, P 22799, 7600 E. Grand River, Suite 210, Brighton, MI 48116 by the Attorney Discipline Board affirming an Order of Reprimand entered by the Howell Hearing Panel.

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

Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent filed a Notice of Lis Pendens against real property owned by a defendant in a civil action although the property was not involved in the litigation. Respondent's refusal to withdraw the Lis Pendens for a period of two years resulted in the entry of a judgment against Respondent's client. The Panel further found that Respondent improperly mailed unsigned Satisfaction of Judgment documents to his client without adequately explaining that no settlement had, in fact, been entered. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4) and Canons 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 6-101(A)(1-3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3).

On appeal filed by the Respondent, the findings and conclusions of the panel were affirmed by the Attorney Discipline Board. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$426.52.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt", written over a horizontal line.

John F. VanBolt

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

JUL 2 1987