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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 139/86

William S. Wolanin, P22496, 12049 Ina Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48077 by the Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #7.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective April 21, 1987.

The Hearing Panel concluded that the Respondent was retained in February 1983 to handle the administration of a decedent's estate in Wayne County Probate Court but that the estate was not closed in a timely manner as a result of Respondent's failure to resolve certain questions regarding the estate's liability for inheritance tax and his failure to file a timely final account. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6), DR 6-102(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). The Panel considered the mitigating effect of Respondent's hospitalization during the pendency of the estate, his prior unblemished record and the somewhat technical nature of the omissions charged in the Complaint. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$475.14.

John/F. VanBolt

Dated APR 2 3 1987