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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

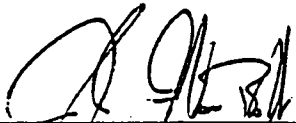
File Nos. DP 143/86; DP 157/86

Peter H. Moray, P 17953, 1411 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207-3180 by the Attorney Discipline Board modifying a Hearing Panel Order of Reprimand.

- 1) Suspension - 150 days;
- 2) Effective March 26, 1987.

The four Count Formal Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator charged the Respondent with failure to institute divorce proceedings on behalf of a client, failure to discharge an obligation to pay for the publication of a legal notice, and failure to answer two Requests for Investigation. The Respondent did not answer either of the Formal Complaints and did not appear at the hearing. The Hearing Panel found that Respondent's misconduct was established and that he had violated the provisions of MCR 9.104(1-4,7); MCR 9.113(1,2) and Canons 1,6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(4-6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(1-3).

The Reprimand imposed by the Hearing Panel was appealed by the Administrator to the Attorney Discipline Board which ruled that Respondent's unexplained unwillingness to respond at any stage of the discipline process warranted a suspension of sufficient length to require the filing of a Petition for Reinstatement in accordance with MCR 9.123(B). The Board ruled that a Reprimand or a short suspension did not appear to be appropriate in the case of an attorney who had utterly failed to answer or appear and that protection of the public and the legal system demands that, as a general rule, such cases warrant the imposition of a suspension for a minimum period of 120 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$120.61.



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Dated: MAR 27 1987