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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 123/85

Gary B. Perkins, P 18787, 131 Market Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046 by the Attorney Discipline Board (Martin M. Doctoroff, Charles C. Vincent, M.D., Remona A. Green, Robert S. Harrison, Hanley M. Gurwin, Patrick J. Keating) Decreasing Oakland County Hearing Panel #15's Order of Suspension.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective February 24, 1987.

The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent committed professional misconduct in his handling of a wrongful death action and subsequent probate proceedings as the result of acts or omissions which included his failure to reduce his contingency fee agreement to writing in violation of MCR 8.121(F) [former GCR 928.6]; his distribution of the wrongful death proceeds without prior court approval; and his failure to conclude the probate proceedings in a timely manner. The Hearing Panel concluded that Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4), MCR 9.121(F) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-101(A)(5,6), DR 6-101(A)(1-3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3).

The thirty day suspension imposed by the Hearing Panel was appealed to the Attorney Discipline which affirmed the Panel's factual findings but reduced discipline to a Reprimand. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$804.22.

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

John F. VanBolt

Dated: FEB 24 1987