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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 177/85

Richard R. Nelson, P 18237 139 Cadillac Square, 2nd Floor, Detroit, MI 48226 by the Attorney Discipline Board dated October 14, 1986 affirming the Hearing Panel Order of Dismissal as to Counts I, II, & III by vacating a Dismissal as to Counts IV and V and imposing a Reprimand.

- 1) Reprimand;
- 2) Effective November 5, 1986.

The Attorney Discipline Board affirmed the conclusion of the Hearing Panel that Respondent's failure to provide a Discharge of Mortgage to a opposing counsel in a divorce case, although the divorce judgment ordered that the Discharge be held in escrow by the Respondent, did not constitute professional misconduct warranting discipline. The Board did conclude, however, that Respondent's failure to file a timely Answer to the Request for Investigation and his failure to reply to the repeated written inquiries from the Attorney Grievance Commission warranted a Reprimand. Respondent was found to have violated the provisions of MCR 9.104(1-4)(7) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to wit: DR 1-102(A)(4-6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(B). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$ 287.62.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. VanBolt", written over a horizontal line.

John F. VanBolt

Dated: NOV 07 1986