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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION


File No. DP 97/85

George J. Harrington, P 23574, 24901 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 405, Southfield, MI 48076 by Attorney Discipline Board
Oakland County Hearing Panel #13.

- (1) Suspension - 120 Days;
- (2) Effective August 11, 1986.

The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent, in his representation of a client in a Juvenile Court matter, failed to appear for a hearing. Thereafter, the client was unable to communicate with the Respondent for the reason that he had moved his law office, without notice to his client, the Court or the State Bar of Michigan, and left no forwarding address. The Panel also found that in his representation of another client in an unrelated Probate Court matter, the Respondent's neglect of the legal matter entrusted to him resulted in the dismissal of his client's claim of appeal. The Panel found that the client was further prejudiced by her inability to locate her attorney. Finally, the Panel found that both clients filed Requests for Investigation with the Attorney Grievance Commission, and that in both cases the Respondent failed to Answer the Requests for Investigation served upon him by the Grievance Administrator. The Respondent was found to have violated the provisions of MCR 9.104(1-4)(7), MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1,6,7 & 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility; DR 1-102(A)(1)(5-6); DR 6-101(A)(3); DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(B)(4).

In its Report, the Hearing Panel noted Respondents prior history of discipline consisting of a Reprimand in 1977 and a Sixty Day Suspension in 1979. In light of the nature of the misconduct in this case together with the prior history of discipline, the Panel imposed a Suspension of 120 Days. The Respondent will be required to establish his eligibility for reinstatement in accordance with MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$359.34.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: AUG 14 1986

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