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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP 173/85


Robert N. Geyer, P 13945, 2135 McEwan, Saginaw, MI 48602 by the Attorney Discipline Board Saginaw Hearing Panel.

- (1) Suspension - 120 days;
- (2) Effective May 20, 1986.

The Respondent failed to Answer the Formal Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator, failed to take any action to set aside the Default which was subsequently entered and failed to appear at the hearing held in Saginaw before a Hearing Panel of the Attorney Discipline Board.

The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent was retained to represent a client in a collection matter and that his failure to take action on his client's behalf, his failure to communicate with the client and his failure to return the documents which had been delivered to him constituted professional misconduct in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4) and Canons 1,6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility to wit: DR 1-102(A)(5)(6); DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). The Hearing Panel further concluded that the Respondent's failure to Answer the Request for Investigation submitted by the client and served by the Grievance Administrator constituted further misconduct in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4)(7); MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6).

In its consideration of the appropriate level of discipline, the Hearing Panel considered the Respondent's failure to answer the Formal Complaint and his failure to appear at the hearing and concluded that Respondent's reinstatement should be conditioned upon his affirmative showing that he has a proper understanding of and attitude toward his responsibilities to discharge his obligations to the courts, the public and the legal system. Respondent will be required to comply with the procedure for reinstatement set forth in MCR 9.123 and 9.124. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$158.43.


John F. VanBolt

Dated: MAY 30 1986

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