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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP 159/83; DP 115/85

Che A. Karega, P 31387, 14201 Vassar, Detroit, MI 48235 by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #24.

- 1) Suspension 120 days;
- 2) Effective May 9, 1986.

In two Formal Complaints consolidated for hearing, the Respondent was charged with failure to seek the legal objectives of four separate clients who retained him in 1982 to represent them in appeals from their criminal convictions, failure to return the retainer fees paid in those cases where no services had been performed, failure to return the documents and transcripts delivered to him by the clients, and failure to make a full and fair disclosure in his Answer to the Request for Investigation filed by a client.

During the proceedings before the Hearing Respondent alleged that his ability to practice law during that period was materially impaired by a physical disability and he was ordered to provide a medical report in support of his request for an Order of Probation under GCR 9.70.3 [now MCR 9.121(C)]. Upon Respondent's failure to provide such documentation and the entry of a Default for his failure to answer the Formal Complaint, the Hearing Panel entered its Order suspending Respondent's license to practice law for a period of 120 days based upon its findings that Respondent had committed acts of professional misconduct in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4), MCR 9.113(A), and the Code of Professional Responsibility Canons 1,2,6,7,9: DR 1-102(A)(4-6), DR 2-106(A), (B), DR 6-101(A)(1-3), DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(B)(1) & (4). The Order of Suspension further requires that before filing a Petition for Reinstatement, Respondent must submit a medical report and must discharge certain obligations to his clients including an restitution, and return of accounting for fees received, documents and transcripts. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$436.36.

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