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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP 36/86; DP 77/86

Alfred G. Kaufman, P 27926, 210 N. Maple, Saline, MI 48176, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #10.

- 1) Suspension, 120 days,
- 2) Effective August 20, 1986.

The Respondent, who is admitted to practice in the States of Michigan and Wyoming, was suspended for a period of ninety (90) days by an Order of Discipline which became effective July 24, 1985. (File No. DP 90/84, see Notice of Suspension dated July 26, 1985.) In that Order, the Respondent was directed to pay costs to the State Bar of Michigan in the amount of \$240.92. His failure to pay those costs prompted a Request for Investigation served by the Grievance Administrator in November 1985. In April 1986, the Grievance Administrator filed a Formal Complaint based upon the Respondent's failure to comply with the cost provision of the previous Order and his failure to Answer the Request for Investigation. As second Complaint was authorized and filed in May 1986 charging that Respondent's failure to Answer the First Complaint constituted a separate act of misconduct.

In its Report, the Hearing Panel noted that by his failure to appear at the hearing, the Respondent waived his right to offer any mitigating evidence. "In the absence of mitigating factors, we therefore consider only the aggravating effect of this Respondent's apparent indifference to the consequences of his failure to comply with an Order to Pay Costs, failure to Answer a Request for Investigation and failure to Answer a Formal Complaint".

Respondent was found to have violated the provisions of MCR 9.104(1-4,7,8); MCR 9.113(1,2); MCR 9.115(D) and Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility DR 1-102(A)(1,5,6). As a

result of this Order suspending his license for a period of 120 days, Respondent will be subject to the reinstatement requirements set forth in MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$64.10.

Note: Respondent's license to practice in Michigan has been suspended continuously since July 24, 1985, the effective date of a prior Order of Discipline suspending his license to practice law for a period of ninety (90) days. Although entitled to automatic reinstatement under MCR 9.123(A), Respondent has not filed an Affidavit of Compliance as required by that rule and that suspension has not been terminated.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: AUG 22 1986