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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP 172/84

Anthony J. Knerly, (P 16075), 4230 W. Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, MI 48229, by the Attorney Discipline Board modifying a Hearing Panel Order of Suspension.

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective November 6, 1985.

The Hearing Panel and the Board found that Respondent, without authorization, affixed the simulated signature of the personal representative in a probate estate on five probate documents and filed an incorrect accounting which indicated that the personal representative had waived her fees as fiduciary. (The fiduciary had not expressely waived her fees at the time of the accounting, but did so at a later date). The Board considered several mitigating factors including Respondent's intent to expedite the handling of the estate on behalf of all parties involved, and Respondent's unblemished, thirty year record in the practice of law.

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