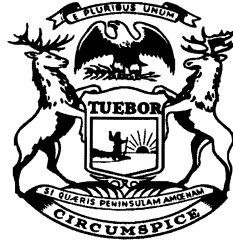


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AMENDED¹ NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 18-36-GA

Notice Issued: June 5, 2018

David W. Jones, P 57103, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #27.

Reprimand, Effective May 30, 2018

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contained respondent's admissions to the allegations that he committed acts of professional misconduct as the result of his improper use of an IOLTA account from July 2015 through May 2016. Based upon respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent deposited his own funds in a client trust account in excess of an amount reasonably necessary to pay financial institution service charges or fees or to obtain a waiver of service charges or fees, in violation of MRPC 1.15(f); and held funds other than client or third person funds in an IOLTA, in violation of MRPC 1.15(a)(3). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(3) and (4); and MRPC 8.4(a).

In entering its finding of misconduct, the panel acknowledged the parties' agreement that respondent's mental state was negligent and, specifically, paragraph 3 of the stipulation, which stated "during the period in question, no client funds were deposited into or distributed from the trust account at issue in the Formal Complaint. Thus, there was no commingling of Respondent's personal funds in the account with funds belonging to a client."

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$758.20.


Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director

¹ Added hearing panel's acknowledgment of paragraph 3 of the parties Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline.