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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

File No. DP 19/85

L. Graham Ward, (P 21974), 1200 Buhl Building, Detroit, MI 48226, by a Consent Order of Discipline filed September 30, 1985.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of one year;
- (3) Effective October 21, 1985.

Respondent admitted the allegations in the Formal Complanint, to wit: Respondent failed, neglected and/or refused to institute an action for divorce pursuant to retainer by wife and/or husband, and falsely represented to the husband that an action for divorce had been started and a judgment dissolving the marriage had been entered; Respondent prepared, executed and delivered to the client, or caused the same, a purported judgment of divorce which was a forgery prepared by Respondent. The client remarried, relying upon the false assurances of Respondent and the forged judgment. The stipulation for consent order of discipline admitted to violations of MCR 9.104 (1-4) and Canons 1, 6 & 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to wit: DR 1-102 (A)(1)(3-6), DR 6-101 (A)(1-3), DR 7-101 (A)(1-3) and DR 7-102 (A)(3-6).

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Dated:

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