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**NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 17-107-GA

**Notice Issued: May 17, 2018**

Robert E. Slameka, P 20567, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #19.

Disbarred, Effective May 16, 2018<sup>1</sup>

Respondent filed an answer and an amended answer to the formal complaint and appeared at the hearings. Based upon the exhibits offered, and witness testimony presented by the Grievance Administrator, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in his representation of a client in a direct appeal of his criminal conviction.

The panel found that respondent failed to provide competent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a); failed to provide diligent representation, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to communicate the status of the representation to his client, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matter to his client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); knowingly made false statements of fact to a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.3(a)(1); knowingly made false statements of material fact to third parties while representing a client, in violation of MRPC 4.1; and failed to notify the opposing attorney and tribunals of his suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(C). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan and that he be required to pay restitution to Effie Vann in the amount of \$7,500 with interest at the rate of 7% per annum, retroactive to May 1, 2012 (the date Ms. Vann paid respondent's retainer in full). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,834.59.

Mark A. Armitage  
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<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since May 1, 2015. Please see Notice of Suspension and Restitution (By Consent), *Grievance Administrator v Robert E. Slameka*, 14-107-JC, issued April 14, 2015.