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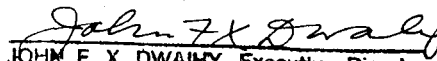
NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP-19/82

SANFORD N. LAKIN, P16356, 24680 Swanson, Southfield, Michigan 48034, by the Attorney Discipline Board decreasing a hearing panel decision.

- (1) Reprimand
- (2) Effective July 5, 1984.

The Board affirmed hearing panel findings that Respondent charged and collected an excessive personal injury case contingent fee, in violation of GCR 1963, 928.2 (subsequently amended). The Board noted in an opinion that the original fee arrangement was within permissible limits; however, the clients later requested that Respondent personally attend to the matter without delegating duties to other attorneys in the firm, agreeing to an increased fee percentage. The Board, indicating that a violation of the contingent fee limitation rule could be grounds for a suspension, cited several mitigating factors including the fact that Respondent had, through mediation, repaid most of the excess fee. The Board ordered that Respondent refund to the clients within thirty days the balance of the excessive portion of the fee.

  
JOHN F. X. DWAIHY, Executive Director  
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Dated: July 6, 1984