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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-109/83; DP-124/83

JOEL SIMMER (P20485), 31275 Northwestern Highway, Suite 126, Farmington Hills, MI 48018, by The Attorney Discipline Board modifying a hearing panel suspension.

- (1) Suspension
- (2) For a period of 60 days
- (3) Effective November 22, 1983. (See prior notice dated November 29, 1983)

The Board affirmed hearing panel findings that: Respondent neglected a plaintiff's personal injury matter, failed to take any action on behalf of the client resulting in expiration of the applicable statute of limitations and loss of the client's right of action for damages, in violation of Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR1-102(A)(1)(5)(6), DR6-102(3), DR7-101(A)(1-3) and GCR 1963, 953(1-4). The hearing panel also found that Respondent made false statements in his answer to the Request for Investigation in violation of GCR 1963, 953(6), 962.1 and Canon 1, DR1-102(A)(1)(4)(6). Respondent failed to answer the Request for Investigation and Formal Complaint in violation of GCR 1963, 962(2)(b), 964.4(a) and 953(7) and a default was entered against him; a motion to set aside the default was denied. The panel noted no prior history of professional discipline and imposed costs of \$900.11. The Board upheld the default, but in its opinion outlined certain mitigating factors.

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John F. M. DWALLY, Executive Director

Dated: February 22, 1984