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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-98/83

JAMES H. GRANT (P 14274), Second Floor, Detroit Lawyers Bldg., Detroit, Michigan, 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #6.

(1) Suspension;
(2) For a period of ninety (90) days;
(3) Effective December 8, 1983.

The Grievance Administrator and the Respondent submitted a stipulation for consent order of discipline including a plea of nolo contendere to a formal complaint alleging: that Respondent failed, neglected and/or refused to advise a criminal appeal client regarding the status of the appeal and failed, neglected or refused to prosecute said appeal expeditiously, respond to correspondence from the Court of Appeals warning of lack of progress, in violation of GCR 1963, 953(1-4) and Canon 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR6-101 (A)(2)(3) and DR7-101(A)(2)(3). Regarding a second Count Respondent failed to answer the Request for Investigation of the Grievance Commission regarding the neglect of said appeal in violation of GCR 965(1-4) and (7), GCR 962.2(b) and DR1-102(A)(5)(6); and in regard to a third Count, that on March 23, 1983, Respondent was placed on probation by an order of the Attorney Discipline Board pursuant to GCR 970.3 as a result of a complaint charging misconduct involving neglect of four other criminal appeals and with having failed to answer two Requests for Investigation, and that Respondent's neglect of the aforementioned appeal and failure to answer the Request for Investigation constitutes a violation of the implicit requirements of the order of probation previously entered. The stipulation for consent discipline calls for continuation of the prior order of probation. Costs were assessed in the amount of $63.27.

John F. X. Dwaihy, Executive Director

Dated: December 9, 1983

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