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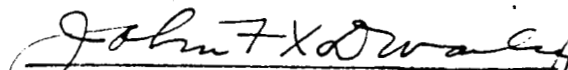
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JUDY WYLENE (P 28967), 1245 9th Street, Brooklyn,  
New York, 11230, by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland County  
Hearing Panel #9.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of three (3) years less one (1) day;
- (3) Effective November 30, 1983.

The hearing panel found that the Respondent had violated the disciplinary rules as charged in the two count Formal Complaint, pursuant to Respondent's failure to answer resulting in a default. Respondent was retained in February 1981 to probate a certain estate, was paid a retainer fee, filed a petition for independent probate, obtained letters of authority but thereafter failed to seek the lawful objectives of the client and seriously neglected the case. Respondent failed to file inventories and accountings, pay fees and taxes, seek court approval of Respondent's retainer fee, notify client or court regarding address and phone number changes, and further failed to notify the client and the court of her decision to withdraw from the practice of law and the handling of said estate resulting in suspension of probate proceedings and the necessity for the client to obtain substitute counsel at additional expense; unused portions of the retainer fee were not refunded to the client. The panel found, in regard to a separate client who had retained Respondent to institute divorce and child custody proceedings, that Respondent filed a complaint for divorce and a default, but withdrew from the practice of law and the handling of said matter without notifying the client and failed to submit a motion to withdraw to the court, that Respondent failed to communicate with her client for approximately 2 years, that the client had to obtain substitute counsel at additional expense, having received no refund of the unused portion of the retainer fee. The panel found violations of GCR 1963, 953(1-4) and Canons 1, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR1-102(A)(5)(6), DR6-101(A)(1-3), DR7-101(A)(1-3) and DR9-102(B)(4). The Respondent failed to answer the Formal Complaint and a default was entered. Respondent did not appear before the hearing panel despite a notice requiring the same. The panel noted no record of previous discipline. Costs were assessed.

  
JOHN F. X. DWAIHY, Executive Director  
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Dated: 12/1/83