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This is to inform the Courts of the State of Michigan of the following Order of Discipline:

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP-172/80

Related No. 998/80

NICHOLAS SALOWICH, JR., (P19862), 17023 West 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "L".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 30 days (added to a separate 37 month suspension currently in effect);
- (3) Effective June 24, 1983 (commencing with the end of the current 37 month suspension in a separate matter, File No. 36394-A).

The Formal Complaint charges that Respondent was paid a retainer fee to represent the Defendant in a divorce proceeding, and failed to enter an Appearance or file an Answer to the divorce Complaint, failed to take any action whatsoever on behalf of his client, resulting in a default for failure to answer against the client; that the client was informed by the Respondent that nothing had been done, and the client demanded the return of the fee, which Respondent refused, said allegations in violation of Canon 1, DR 1-102, Canon 6, DR 6-101, and Canon 7, DR 7-101. Respondent was also charged with failure to answer the Request for Investigation with regard to Count I, in violation of GCR 962.2 (B) and GCR 953 (7).

The Hearing Panel found that no evidence was submitted in support of Count I; however, the Panel found that Respondent did violate GCR 962.2 (B), 964.4 (A) and 953 (7) in that he failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation and failed to file an Answer to the Formal Complaint. Although Respondent did not move to set aside the default, no discipline was rendered as to Count I, due to the absence of evidence in support thereof. The Hearing Panel considered the record of prior misconduct, which resulted in a 37 month suspension, and assessed costs in the amount of \$55.00.

David Baker Lewis

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