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## NOTICE OF CONCURRENT SUSPENSIONS

DP-127/81 & 116/80

DAVID A. MAXON (P 17225), 1575 E. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226, by an Order of the Attorney Discipline Board for concurrent suspensions in two separate disciplinary files.

- (1) Suspensions;
- (2) For periods of 30 days (File DP-116/80) and 10 days (File DP-126/81) - to run concurrently;
- (3) Effective November 24, 1982. (Effective date of Supreme Court Order dismissing Respondent's application for leave to appeal).

The hearing panel found that Respondent was retained for the purpose of conducting a patent search and an opinion as to the patentability of client's invention, that Respondent was paid a fee of \$300, that the search and opinion were performed by Respondent, that on the basis of Respondent's opinion, complainant retained Respondent to process the patent application for a fee of \$900 paid by the client, that Respondent mailed a patent application to the client asserting that the original application had been "up dated" when, in fact, no other application had been filed on behalf of the client, that thereafter Respondent failed to advise the client regarding the status of the matter until Respondent had the client sign a new patent application almost three years after the time of original retainer, that Respondent further neglected the matter by failing to provide the client with timely notice of the period in which to appeal rejection of the application, in violation of GCR 1963, 953(2)-(4) and the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: Canon 1, DR1-102(A)(4)(6), Canon 6, DR6-101(A)(3).

In a separate matter, the Board found that Respondent was paid \$1,302 to apply for a patent, failed to file the patent application, knowingly made false statements to the client regarding the filing of an application and rendered no services to the client for the fees paid in violation of GCR 1963, 953(2-4) and DR6-101(A)(3) and DR2-106(B)(4). Costs were assessed in these matters in the amounts of \$451.56 and \$179.50. The Respondent withdrew appeals pending before the Discipline Board and the Supreme Court.

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