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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-121/81

CARL R. RUEBELMAN (P 19752), 36 E. Burdick St., Oxford, MI 48051, by the Attorney Discipline Board increasing discipline imposed by a hearing panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 3 years;
- (3) Effective September 23, 1982.

The Discipline Board found that Respondent was retained in 1975 to probate an estate and was subsequently suspended by discipline order from the practice of law in November of 1980 for 121 days; that Respondent failed to notify the estate fiduciary of his suspension as required by GCR 1963, 968 and Respondent failed to answer a Request for Investigation regarding said failure to notify the client. The Board found that Respondent was late in complying with certain Oakland County Probate Court procedures resulting in a notice of failure to timely file an accounting, that Respondent's communications with the client were poor and that Respondent's failure to timely pay inheritance taxes resulted in assessment of interest and penalties of \$6,400 againt the estate; that the complainant was required to retain substitute counsel and incurred additional legal expenses in obtaining a court order to force Respondent to turn over the documents in his files. The Board, in its opinion, noted that Respondent is a discipline recidivist and that the record in the prior discipline files reflected "an attitudinal problem and a pattern of misconduct." The record of prior discipline includes 3 suspensions; 60 days in 1978, 121 days in 1980 and 121 days in 1981. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$199.30.

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