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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-82/81

DAVID F. BETZ (P 10771), 206 City Center Bldg., Post Office Box 417, Ludington, MI, 49431, by Attorney Discipline Board Muskegon Circuit Hearing Panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of one hundred twenty (120) days;
- (3) Effective May 17, 1982.

The hearing panel found that Respondent, in the course of representation of a certain party in a corporate tax liability matter, advised the client to submit \$1,200 to respondent to be paid on the client's behalf to the Internal Revenue Service, that Respondent failed and/or refused to forward said monies to the IRS as represented to the client, that the client requested return of the funds and Respondent falsely advised the client that said funds would be returned before an IRS deadline for payment, that Respondent failed and/or refused to return said funds despite the repeated requests by the client and other counsel. Regarding a separate count, the panel found that Respondent failed to segregate said funds in his trust account and converted them to his own use. Regarding a third count, Respondent admitted failure to file a specific Answer to the Request for Investigation in violation of GCR 953(7). The panel found violations of Canons 1, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR1-102(A)(1)(4-6), DR7-101(A)(1-3) and DR9-102(B)(3)(4) and GCR 953(1)(4).

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