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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP-14/81
& DP-43/81
(Consolidated)

FRANCIS A. BROWNING (P 11314), 4030 Newland Drive, W., Orchard Lake, MI 48033, by the Attorney Discipline Board affirming the hearing panel's decision.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 60 days;
- (3) Effective retroactively to July 7, 1981.

After setting aside the default against Respondent, the panel conducted full proceedings and found that Respondent failed to notify a client regarding a change in his office location and failed to notify the client of the status of the case, and that Respondent failed to appear at a bankruptcy hearing on behalf of said client. In regard to a second count, the panel found that Respondent admitted receiving a fee to conduct bankruptcy proceedings, failure to communicate with the client regarding change in office address and phone number, failure to file bankruptcy proceedings and abandonment of the client resulting in prejudice to the client's rights. In regard to a third Count the panel found that Respondent admitted failure to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation relating to the misconduct charged in Count Two. The panel found violations of Canon 6, DR 6-101(A)(3), Canon 1, DR 1-102(A)(4)-(6), and Canon 7, DR 7-101(A)(2)(3) and GCR 953 (7). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$346.06.

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