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

NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

File No. DP-170/80 & (Consolidated)
 DP-127/80

THOMAS J. PLACHTA, (P23705), 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, by The Attorney Discipline Board approving a stipulation for consent discipline.

- (1) Reprimand (by consent);
- (2) Effective June 23, 1981.

Respondent admitted misconduct as charged in two separate counts. One matter involved failure to comply with a Circuit Court order requiring that Respondent add a certain corporate defendant in a pending civil matter; Respondent's failure to do so resulted in dismissal of his client's claim and a judgement against Respondent. The second count charged that Respondent represented a married couple in a civil action arising out of a purchase of certain real property, entered his appearance in the pending circuit court file, and that Respondent subsequently terminated his private practice in Kent County but failed to notify said clients that he was leaving the county, that Respondent failed to respond to the inquiries of said clients regarding the status of the case, that Respondent failed or refused to comply with requests by the client and substitute counsel for the return of certain documents and file materials, including original receipts, that substitute counsel was required to conduct the trial without the use of said original documents. The admitted counts charged violations of GCR 953(1)(2)(4) and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 1, DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6), Canon 2, DR 2-110(A)(2), Canon 6, DR 6-101(A)(2)(3), Canon 7, DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and Canon 9, DR 9-102(B)(4).

David Baker Lewis

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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