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

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-139/80 and
 DP-159/80

FRANCIS A. BROWNING, (P11314), 4030 Newland Drive, W., Orchard Lake, Michigan 48033, by Attorney Discipline Board Order Affirming Hearing Panel Decision.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 60 days;
- (3) Effective July 27, 1981.

The Hearing Panel considered two consolidated Formal Complaints involving a total of eight Counts. The Panel dismissed two Counts, but found that Respondent had admitted failure to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation in three separate matters, which constitutes misconduct distinct from the substantive allegations. The Panel also found that Respondent neglected a divorce matter, failed to keep the client advised of the status of the case and failed to take any action including action to prevent dismissal or cause reinstatement after dismissal. Respondent was found to have neglected a separate personal injury matter and failed to take any action to reinstate the case upon dismissal for failure of Respondent to appear at a pre-trial hearing, and failed to notify his clients of said dismissal. The Respondent sought review by the Attorney Discipline Board. Respondent was assessed costs in the amount of \$561.94 and was required by the Hearing Panel to make restitution in the amount of \$100 to one client prior to reinstatement.

David Baker Lewis
 DAVID BAKER LEWIS, Secretary
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