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

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP-26/81

NEIL C. WILLISTON, (P22380), 11756 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan 48150, by Attorney Discipline Board, Oakland Circuit Hearing Panel "E".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 130 days;
- (3) Effective July 27, 1981.

The Hearing Panel found that Respondent failed to file a proof of service in a civil litigation matter, failed to appear at a hearing on a Motion for Summary Judgment resulting in a judgment against his client, neglected to take further action against a separate defendant, and failed, refused or neglected to communicate with his client or notify his client of the status of said case. Regarding a separate Count the panel found that Respondent totally neglected certain civil litigation and made numerous misleading and untrue statements to his client concerning the status of her case. Regarding a third Count, the panel found that Respondent neglected the matter and misrepresented to the client that an action had been filed and a trial date set when the same had not been done. In a fourth Count, Respondent failed to commence proceedings in Wayne County Probate Court until two years after being retained to do so and improperly neglected to arrange for a statutory claims hearing and failed to communicate with his client concerning the status of her file. The panel dismissed one of the six Counts and found violations of GCR 953 (1-4) and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 1, DR 1-102, Canon 6, DR 6-101, and Canon 7, DR 7-101. Respondent was assessed costs of \$292.71.

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