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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-175/80

LEONARD STRICKLAND, (P25031), 2012 Commonwealth Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "J".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 90 days;
- (3) Effective April 21, 1981.

The hearing panel found that the allegations in the Formal Complaint had been established pursuant to a default entered against Respondent as supported by evidence submitted by the Grievance Administrator. The Formal Complaint charged neglect of certain civil litigation resulting in dismissal of the client's claim, misrepresentation to the client regarding the status of the case, failure to advise the client regarding certain court dates, failure and refusal to supply the clients with an address or telephone number where Respondent could be reached in violation of GCR 953 and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 1, DR 1-102(A)(4-6), Canon 6, DR 6-101(A)(3) and Canon 7, DR 7-101(A)(2). The other count charged that Respondent was retained to appeal a criminal conviction and was paid a retainer, that Respondent ordered trial transcripts which were cancelled after partial completion pursuant to notification in writing to Respondent by the client regarding withdrawal of the appeal, that Respondent failed and refused to account to the client for fees and costs advanced despite numerous inquiries by the client, that Respondent had been in possession of \$542 in unused costs and wrongfully converted such costs to his own use in violation of GCR 953 and Canon 1, DR 1-102(A)(4-6) and Canon 9, DR 9-102(B)(1)(3)(4). The panel also found that, as charged in two separate counts, Respondent failed to answer the Requests for Investigation filed by the Grievance Administrator regarding the two substantive grievances, constituting violations of GCR 953(7).

Respondent filed a Request for Stay and Petition for Review by the Board; the Request for Stay was denied and Respondent withdrew his Petition for Review.

David Baker Lewis
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