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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-113/80

Related No. 109/80

WOODROW H. FLOYD, (P13537), 2121 First National Building, Detroit, MI 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "S".

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective February 18, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent was retained to probate an estate, that Respondent filed the initial Petition, and prepared and filed an Inventory about 10 months after having been retained, and took no further action, despite repeated requests of the client to proceed with all diligence, in violation of GCR 953 (1) (4) and Canon 1 and 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. A second count charges that Respondent failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation in violation of GCR 953 (7).

The Hearing Panel found, in relation to Count I, that there was considerable confusion surrounding the probating of the estate caused in part by circumstances beyond Respondent's control and the actions of the residuary legatee; therefore, the Panel found no professional misconduct on Respondent's part in relation to the substantive charge and dismissed Count I. The Panel did find a violation of GCR 953 (7) for Respondent's failure to timely answer the Request for Investigation. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$312.65.

David Baker Lewis, Secretary ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

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