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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-199/80

JAMES A. CARLIN, (P11615), 1800 Buhl Building, Detroit, MI 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "I".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 180 days;
- (3) Effective (retroactive) to February 5, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent was retained in a personal injury matter, and, that between November, 1978, and September, 1980, Respondent, although repeatedly requested, failed, neglected, and/or refused to communicate with his client concerning the status of the case, that Respondent failed to file suit on behalf of said client in violation of GCR 953 (1-4) and Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR 1-102 (A) (5-6), DR 6-101 (A) (3) and DR 7-101 (A) (1-2). The Complaint also charges that Respondent failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation in regard to Count I.

The Hearing Panel found that Respondent had violated the disciplinary rules as alleged and considered a prior record of reprimand and 100 day suspension, both in 1980. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$75.00. Neither the Grievance Administrator nor Respondent filed an appeal with the Discipline Board.

David Baker Lewis

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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