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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-93/80

JOHN M. HOFFMAN, (P15042), 315 Hubbard Street, Allegan, MI
 49010, by Order of the Attorney Discipline Board amending the Panel decision
 of reprimand.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 120 days;
- (3) Effective April 8, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged: that Respondent was appointed
 appellant counsel for an indigent prisoner and thereafter failed to file a
 Claim of Appeal or otherwise take any action to perfect said appeal, or to
 extend the time for perfecting same, resulting in expiration of the right of
 appeal, pursuant to GCR 803, that Respondent failed to consult with the
 prisoner-client or otherwise communicate with him regarding his rights or
 the status of the matter for which Respondent was appointed, in violation
 of GCR 953(1)(2)(4), and Canon 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility,
 to-wit: DR 6-101(A)(3).

The Panel issued a reprimand, in part on the basis of lack of informa-
 tion regarding Respondent's prior record of discipline, which included a
 reprimand and a 30-day suspension. On review, the Board, in its opinion,
 noted Respondent's prior record of discipline and his failure to answer the
 Formal Complaint (a distinct disciplinary violation). Costs of \$366.55 were
 assessed.

David Baker Lewis

 David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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