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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-162/80

CARL CRAIG, [REDACTED] 3535 David Stott Building, Detroit, MI
48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "D".

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective March 10, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent was retained to institute divorce proceedings, and was paid his fee in full; that four (4) months after being retained, Respondent filed the divorce complaint, but that Respondent, despite inquiries from his client, neglected and/or refused to advise the client of the status of the suit, that Respondent moved his offices, but failed, neglected, and/or refused to so advise the client; that when finally contacted by the client, Respondent advised her of the necessity of an additional payment for publication costs, that Respondent neglected to pursue the pending divorce complaint, and failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation filed in regard thereto. Said misconduct allegedly in violation of Canons 1, 6 and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR 1-102(A)(5), DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(2) and GCR 953(1)(2)(4)(7), and 962.

The Respondent appeared at the panel hearing, and his motion to set aside default was considered and evidence was taken thereon; however, the previously entered default was upheld and the panel received evidence in support of the allegations in the Complaint. The panel found that Respondent had failed to file a timely answer to the Request for Investigation, based on the contents of the file, and admissions by the Respondent. The panel noted there was no prior record of misconduct, and assessed costs in the amount of \$143.00.



David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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