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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-167/80

LEONARD LANGKAM, (P16402), 14909 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48224, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "L".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of two (2) years;
- (3) Effective May 5, 1981.

The seven-count Formal Complaint charged: that Respondent failed, neglected and/or refused to conclude certain probate proceedings, that notwithstanding inquiries of his client, Respondent failed, neglected, and/or refused to account to the client for a certain Social Security check and neglected to arrange for transfer of the funds to decedent's estate, that due to Respondent's failures or refusal to respond to the inquiries of said client, client was required to obtain other counsel to conclude the probate matter, that Respondent had failed, neglected and/or refused to comply with a probate court order requiring that he file an accounting, account for said client's check, and return certain documents to the client. The Complaint further charges that Respondent was retained to probate a certain estate, represented to the client that "the Will had been filed" and that proceedings were progressing when no petition to probate the Will had been filed, several months after the time of retainer. Respondent was charged with failing to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation regarding the grievances of two (2) separate clients, in violation of GCR 962.1, and 953. The Complaint charged substantive violations of Canons 1, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR 1-102(A)(4-6), DR 6-101(A)(3), DR 7-101(A)(1-4) and DR 9-102(B)(1) and GCR 953 (1-4).

The Hearing Panel found that the allegations were proven by a preponderance of the evidence and the rules cited had been violated. The panel considered a prior reprimand, and assessed costs in the amount of \$359.00.



David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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