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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND (By Consent)

Case No. 20-58-GA

Notice Issued: April 28, 2022

Alexander H. Benson, P 43210, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #53.

Reprimand, Effective April 28, 2022

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(5), that was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based upon respondent's admissions as set forth in the parties' stipulation, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct while representing a client in an arbitration proceeding by engaging in *ex parte* communications with the selected sole arbitrator, in violation of MRPC 3.5(b).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,347.84.