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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-177/80

ALBERT A. CHAPPELL, (P24900), 485 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, MI 48053, by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland Circuit Hearing Panel "I".

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective February 17, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent was paid a retainer fee in a divorce matter and failed to file suit or perform any of the services for which he was retained, that Respondent, having promised to return the unearned fee, failed, neglected and/or refused to do so, and that Respondent did abandon his client, resulting in prejudice to the rights of the client, in violation of GCR 953 (1-4) and Canons 1, 6, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

The Hearing Panel determined that the allegations in the Complaint were proven, that Respondent, however, did eventually make restitution to the client, that Respondent was in default by failing to answer the Formal Complaint, that Respondent substantially admitted the allegations in his own testimony, and that Respondent had violated the disciplinary rules as alleged. The Panel also noted a record of a prior reprimand related to a failure to return a retainer fee, which Respondent claims has subsequently been returned; the record reflects that costs in the former disciplinary proceeding in the amount of \$419.50, were not paid by Respondent. The Hearing Panel assessed costs in the present case in the amount of \$111.00.

David Baker Lewis

 David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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