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FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File Nos. DP-103/80,
 DP-123/80 & DP-169/80

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LEITH ROBERT PARKER (P 18651), 7725 Rueter, Dearborn, MI 48126,
 by the Attorney Discipline Board modifying a hearing panel order of
 suspension.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of one (1) year;
- (3) Effective RETROACTIVELY to February 27, 1981.

The Attorney Discipline Board, reviewing two separate consolidated hearing panel decisions, affirmed the hearing panel findings, to-wit: that Respondent neglected certain personal injury litigation over a period of two and a half years, failed to communicate with the client involved in said case and failed to answer the Request for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator in regard thereto. Regarding a second Formal Complaint, it was found that Respondent neglected a certain domestic relations matter failing to prepare pleadings involving reduction of child support. Respondent was also found to have neglected a probate matter in which he advised the client not to appeal a certain decision, but failed to return the file to the client and failed to keep appointments or communicate with the client, resulting in expiration of the time in which the matter could be appealed and penalties against the client for his failure to make court appearances of which he was unaware. In a separate matter, Respondent prepared modification of support pleadings in a domestic relations action, but failed to file the pleadings with the court or provide the client with copies and failed to communicate with the client regarding said matter. Respondent also failed to answer three Requests for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator and two Formal Complaints, although he appeared at the scheduled hearings. The panels found violations of GCR 1963, 953(1-4) and Canons 1, 6, 7, and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR1-102(A), (5) and (6), DR6-101(A), (3), DR7-101(A), (2), (3), and DR9-102 (B), (4). Costs were assessed in the consolidated matter in the amount of \$358.00. The Board's modification was based in part upon progress reports submitted during the pendency of the appeal before the Board and a stipulation between the Grievance Administrator and Respondent.

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Dated: March 2, 1982