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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-150/80

JAMES A. CARLIN (P11615), 1800 Buhl Building, Detroit, MI 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "A".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 100 days;
- (3) Effective November 6, 1980.

The Formal Complaint charged Respondent with neglect in the probating of a certain estate, including failure and/or refusal to return phone calls and answer letters of the brother of the deceased and father of two of the devisees and legatees named in the will, in violation of Canons 1 and 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102 (A) (5) (6), DR 6-101 (A) (3), DR 7-101 (A) (1-3) and GCR 953 (1) (2) (4). Count II of the Complaint charges that Respondent failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation of said probate matter in violation of GCR 953 (7).

Although a Default was entered for Respondent's failure to answer the Formal Complaint, Respondent appeared at the hearing. The Panel found that although Respondent was not actually counsel of record in the probate matter, the file was Respondent's responsibility having been handled by a former employee-attorney under Respondent's supervision. The Panel noted that no progress had been achieved in the probate matter for over two years. A prior record of discipline (Reprimand, January, 1980) was considered and Respondent was assessed costs in the amount of \$205.14. No appeal was filed with the Attorney Discipline Board.

David Baker Lewis

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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