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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-72/80

Related No. 3/80

JOHN M. JERECK (P15495), 243 Capital Avenue
N.E., Battle Creek, MI 49017, by Attorney Discipline
Board Kalamazoo Circuit Hearing Panel "C".

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective January 2, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent was paid a retainer to complete a divorce action begun by another attorney, that over a period of approximately nine (9) months, Respondent rendered certain legal services and that Respondent attempted to collect a contingent fee in said divorce matter, and that said fee was far in excess of the original fee agreed to, in violation of Canon 2, DR 2-106 (C) and GCR 953 (2-4).

The Hearing Panel found no violation of DR 2-106 (A), finding that there was no agreement providing for an illegal or clearly excessive fee. However, the Panel found a violation of DR 2-106 (C), in that Respondent did attempt to charge a contingent fee in a divorce matter. Respondent was assessed costs of \$302.19.

David Baker Lewis

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