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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-70/80

Related: 36269

JOHN SKOMSKI (P20562), 19866 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, by order of the Attorney Discipline Board approving Consent/Discipline requested by the parties pursuant to GCR 964.6(e).

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

The Formal Complaint charged that in December, 1976, Respondent was transferred to Inactive Status in lieu of discipline and as the result of a pending Formal Complaint charging him with professional misconduct and that Respondent, while on Inactive Status, was consulted regarding a prospective client's marital problems and that Respondent accepted a retainer for purposes of instituting an action for divorce and that Respondent prepared or caused to be prepared a Complaint for Divorce and caused the same to be filed in the Macomb County Circuit Court and, that thereafter the client was unable to contact Respondent and that Respondent failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation of the matter, in violation of Canons 1 and 3 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102 (A)(3-6), DR 3-101 (B) and GCR 953 (1-5).

Respondent failed to answer the Formal Complaint and a Default was entered. On the date of the hearing before the Panel, Respondent appeared and filed a late Answer admitting to certain substantive allegations in the Formal Complaint. The Default was set aside and Counsel for the Grievance Administrator and Respondent entered on the record a Stipulation involving admission to the Complaint, consent to suspension for a period of six months and an opportunity for Respondent to submit mitigating evidence and an explanation. The matter was submitted by the Panel to the Attorney Discipline Board which approved the agreement and assessed costs of the transcript before the Panel in the amount of \$79.00.

*David Baker Lewis*

David Baker Lewis, Secretary

December 1, 1980.