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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. 36409-A
Related: 36516

JAMES R. B. HOVEY (P25078), 223 N. Bridge Street, P. O. Box 41, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, by the Attorney Discipline Board modifying a one-year suspension rendered by the Hearing Panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 120 days;
- (3) Effective September 8, 1980.

Respondent was charged in a five-count Formal Complaint with: neglect of a personal injury claim resulting in dismissal of said claim and failure to inform the client of the status of said litigation, failure to properly file Social Security claim resulting in lengthy delay in benefits to client and failure to answer the Request for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator, taking a fee and failure to perform incorporation and making false statement to client regarding facts of incorporation, as well as failure to answer the Request for Investigation in regard to the Complaint of said corporate client. Respondent was charged with violations of GCR 953, Canon 6, DR 6-101, Canon 7, DR 7-101.

The Hearing Panel dismissed the allegation regarding failure to incorporate and misrepresentation to said corporate client. The Panel did find that Respondent had neglected the personal injury and Social Security matters and failed to answer the Request for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator in violation of DR 6-101 (3) and GCR 953 (4) (7). The Panel assessed costs in the amount of \$246.50. The Board reduction, with Opinion, has not been appealed.

David Baker Lewis

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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September 15, 1980.

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