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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-9/80  
Related: DP-26/80  
36302 & 37515

DAVID A. MAXON (P17225), 1575 E. Lafayette, Detroit, MI  
48207, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel  
"C".

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of one month;
- (3) Effective October 21, 1980.

Respondent was charged in a two-count Formal Complaint with: neglect of a patent matter, failure to provide the patent client with a search and opinion as promised, failure to communicate with said client regarding the progress of the matter, refusal to furnish the promised work product until payment of additional legal fees not agreed upon, charging of an excessive fee, in violation of GCR 953 (2-4) and (6), Canons 2 and 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to wit: DR 2-106 (3) and DR 2-106 (4) and DR 6-101 (A) (3). Respondent was further charged in a separate count with neglect of a separate patent case resulting in the client's loss of a patent due to the manufacture and sale of the client's invention by another; the second count also charges that Respondent substantially increased the additionally agreed upon legal fee, and the same was paid by the client, and that Respondent failed to communicate with said client regarding the progress of said patent despite repeated calls and letters to Respondent by the client, said conduct in violation of GCR 953 (2-4) and (6), and Canons 2 and 6 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to wit: DR 2-106 (3-4) and DR 6-101 (A) (3). The Hearing Panel issued a Reprimand for the professional misconduct charged in Count I. The Hearing Panel issued a Suspension of one month for the misconduct charged in Count II. Respondent was assessed costs in the amount of \$562.50 by the Hearing Panel.

*David Baker Lewis*

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