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This is to inform the Courts of the State of Michigan of the following final Order of Discipline:

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. 36454

JAMES H. KENNEDY (P15880), 268 Washington Square Plaza, Royal Oak, MI 48067, by the Attorney Discipline Board, increasing the discipline rendered by Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel #12 of the Discipline Board, pursuant to the Petition for Review filed by the Grievance Administrator. Supreme Court reduced suspension to 25 days.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 25 days;
- (3) Effective June 17, 1980.

Respondent was charged in a two-count Complaint with: failure to take any action in pursuing a Worker's Compensation claim and failure to communicate with the client in said case regarding the status of the claim; failure to respond to the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation. The Formal Complaint charged violations of Canon 1, DR1-102(A)(1), Canon 6, DR6-101(A)(3), Canon 7, DR7-101(1)(2), and GCR 1963, 962.1 and .2 and 953(7).

The Hearing Panel found that the allegations in the Formal Complaint were proven by preponderance of the evidence and that Respondent violated Canon 6 and Canon 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, as well as GCR 962.1 and .2 and GCR 953(7). The Panel considered previous misconduct, to wit: a one-year suspension and a Reprimand and rendered a discipline of Reprimand. The Grievance Administrator petitioned the Board for review, claiming abuse of discretion by the Panel and inappropriate discipline in light of previous misconduct. Respondent appealed the Board increase to the Supreme Court which reduced the suspension to time served.

*David Baker Lewis*

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