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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. 36761-A
DP-27/80

JOHN R. LAKE (P16353), 2 Chief Okemos Circle, Okemos, MI 48864, by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland Circuit Hearing Panel-A

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 121 days, or until further order of the Supreme Court;
- (3) Effective June 9, 1980.

Respondent was charged in a three-count Formal Complaint with: Receiving substantial fees and agreeing to commence certain probate proceedings; neglect, failure and/or refusal to perform services necessary to close the probate estate and effectuate discharge of the fiduciary; failure, neglect and/or refusal to communicate to the client the status of said probate estate; neglect resulting in surcharges for interest and penalties; failure, neglect and/or refusal to distribute to the probate client \$100 in funds held in escrow; and, failure to answer the Request for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator in regard to said misconduct. The Complaint charged Respondent with violating Canon 6, DR6-101(A)(3) and Canon 7, DR7-101(A)(1-3), Canon 1, DR1-102(A)(1)(5-6), Canon 9, DR9-102(B)(3-4) and GCR 1963, 953 (1-4) and (7).

The Hearing Panel concluded that Respondent violated Canon 1, Canon 6 and Canon 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility as charged in the Formal Complaint. No Petition for Review was filed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Baker Lewis".

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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June 27, 1980