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

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

3534-A

KENNETH W. CRAUSE (P12322), 102 North Maumee, P.O. Box 366, Tecumseh, Michigan 49286, by Hearing Panel #3, Third Congressional District, for a period of sixty days. Hearing panel's Order of Discipline affirmed by the Attorney Discipline Board; suspension effective April 25, 1979.

Respondent was charged with neglect of a civil suit resulting in the lapse of the period of limitations applicable to his client's claim constituting violations of Canon 6, DR 6-101 (A) (3) and Canon 7, DR 7-101 (A) (2) and (3) of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Respondent was further charged with failure to answer the Request for Investigation and Formal Complaint, each omission constituting a separate violation of SCR 15.2 (7).

The hearing panel concluded that Respondent, although negligent, did not violate DR 7-101 (A) (2) which prohibits the "intentional" failure to carry out a contract of legal employment. The panel did find violations of SCR 15.2 (2) and (7); the finding of neglect constitutes a violation of DR 6-101 (A) (3). The Board affirmed the hearing panel's findings of fact and Order of Discipline.

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