

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

(By Consent)

Case No. 23-47-GA

Notice Issued: August 29, 2023

Alexander Melnikov P 73960, Hallandale, Florida, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Tri-County Hearing Panel #15

Suspension - 180 Days, Effective August 19, 2023¹

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based upon respondent's admissions to all of the allegations set forth in the formal complaint, which included the fact that he was convicted, by no contest plea, of misdemeanor assault, harassing a witness, and misdemeanor battery in a matter titled *State of Florida v Alexander A. Melnikov*, Broward County Circuit Court, Case No. 200-148- CF-10A and sentenced to 24 months of probation, which was taken under advisement and an adjudication of guilt was withheld,² the panel found that he committed professional misconduct when he engaged in conduct that violates a criminal law.

Based on respondent's admissions and the parties' stipulation, the panel found that respondent engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MRPC 8.4(b) and MCR 9.104(5); engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since August 19, 2016. Please see Notice of Suspension with Condition, issued March 27, 2017, *Grievance Administrator v Alexander Melnikov*, 15-144-JC; 15-145-GA.

² Florida statute provides that a withheld sentence allows a judge to order probation but not formally convict a defendant.

respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$768.96.