

NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

(By Consent)

Case No. 23-100-JC

Notice Issued: January 10, 2024

Benjamin F. Liston, P 44366, Warren, MI, by the Attorney Discipline Board St. Clair County Hearing Panel #1.

Disbarment, Effective January 6, 2024

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Disbarment, pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contained respondent's admissions that he was convicted on September 17, 2020 of three counts of willful neglect of duty by a public officer holding public trust (a misdemeanor), in violation of MCL 750.478, and that his conviction constituted professional misconduct.

Based on respondent's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct when he engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MCR 9.104(5), and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$794.82.