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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION

Case Nos. 17-63-JC; 17-64-GA

Notice Issued: November 29, 2017

James R. Shaw, P 49003, Westland, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #13.

Suspension - Three Years, Effective November 29, 2017¹

Respondent was convicted, by guilty plea, of domestic violence, in violation of MCL 750.812, in *People of the State of Michigan v James Roger Shaw*, 35th District Court Case No. 15T458-SM. Based on this conviction, the panel found that respondent violated the criminal laws of the State of Michigan, contrary to MCR 9.104(5). Additionally, based on respondent's default for failing to answer the formal complaint, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in his representation of a client in divorce and post-judgment proceedings at a time when respondent was suspended from the practice of law.

The panel found that respondent failed to notify all active clients of his suspension in violation of MCR 9.119(A); had contact with a client or potential client in person, by telephone, or by electronic means during the period of suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(E)(2); and held himself out as an attorney, in violation of MCR 9.119(E)(4). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3); and MRPC 8.4(b).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for three years. The panel also ordered that, at the time he petitions for reinstatement, respondent will be required to include an evaluation showing that he is both mentally and medically fit to practice law. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,656.75.

Mark A. Armitage Executive Director

¹Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since August 2, 2017. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued July 26, 2017.