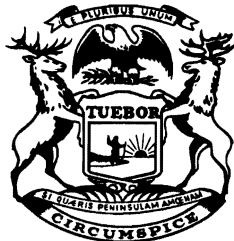


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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 16-76-GA

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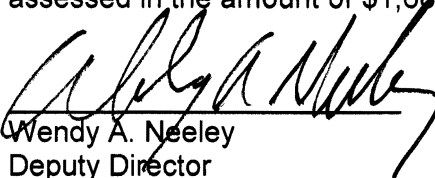
Susan F. Reed, P 26897, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #10.

Suspension - 180 Days, Effective February 14, 2017.¹

Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct during her representation of a client defending against a suit filed by a patron at the client's restaurant who was injured in a physical altercation; in her representation of another client in a criminal matter; by failing to answer two requests for investigation; and by failing to appear for sworn statements when subpoenaed to appear.

The panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of her client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain the matters to her clients to the extent necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to surrender papers to which the client was entitled upon termination of representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal except for an open refusal based on the assertion that no valid obligation exists, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); and failed to answer two requests for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A), in violation of MCR 9.104(7). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of 180 days. The panel also ordered that respondent be required to pay restitution in the amount of \$21,346.22 to one complainant as requested by the Grievance Administrator. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,694.91.


Wendy A. Neeley
Deputy Director

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since October 20, 2016. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued October 20, 2016.