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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Case Nos. 16-88-GA

Notice Issued: February 17, 2017

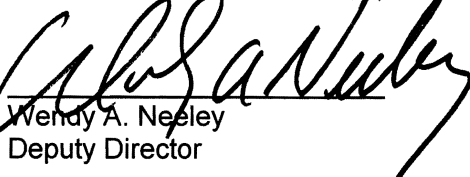
Duane S. Weed, P 25634, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #19.

Disbarred, Effective February 17, 2017¹

Based on respondent's default for failure to file an answer to the formal complaint, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in relation to his involvement as administrator of a probate estate and for his failure to answer a request for investigation.

The panel found that respondent failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness on a client's behalf, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to hold property of a client separate from his own property and failed to adequately safeguard client property, and in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to deposit unearned fees paid in advance in a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to return unearned attorney fees and other funds paid in advance to the client upon termination of the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly disobeyed an order under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c); engaged in conduct which involved dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, and/or the violation of the criminal law, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession to obloquy, contempt, censure, and/or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); violated or attempted to violate the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); and failed to answer a request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,863.44.


Wendy A. Neeley
Deputy Director

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since October 31, 2016. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued November 1, 2016.