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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 16-80-GA

Notice Issued: December 15, 2016

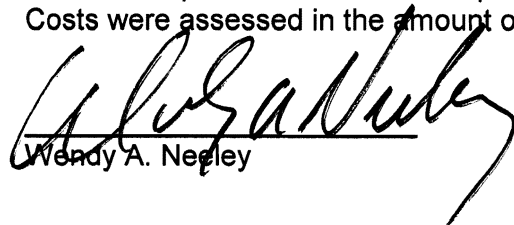
Joseph Edward Ernst, P 69274, Holt, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Ingham County Hearing Panel #7.

Suspension - 30 Days, Effective December 14, 2016

Respondent filed an answer to the formal complaint and appeared at the public hearing. As alleged in the formal complaint, and established by the evidence and testimony submitted, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct by appearing as legal counsel and filing documents on behalf of ten different parties after being suspended from the practice of law for failure to pay disciplinary costs.

The panel found that respondent practiced law, had contact with clients, appeared in court proceedings, and held himself out as an attorney while suspended from the practice of law, in violation of MCR 9.119(E) and MCR 9.128(D); failed to timely file an affidavit of compliance, in violation of MCR 9.119(C) and MCR 9.128(D); and practiced law in Michigan in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in Michigan, in violation of MRPC 5.5(a). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3) and MRPC 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 30 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,743.70.


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