STATE OF MICHIGAN

Attorney Discipline Board

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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR, Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

v

Case No. 14-50-GA

GERALD M. ZAMBOROWSKI, P 28122,

Respondent.

ORDER AFFIRMING HEARING PANEL ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board 211 W. Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI

St. Clair County Hearing Panel #1 of the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order on August 7, 2014, suspending respondent's license to practice law in Michigan for a period of 45 days. Respondent filed a petition for review and request for stay and the discipline ordered by the hearing panel was automatically stayed pursuant to MCR 9.115(K). Respondent petitioned for review on the grounds that the hearing panel erroneously failed to set aside the default and accept his answer to the formal complaint or otherwise re-open the question of misconduct; and that the discipline imposed is excessive.

The Attorney Discipline Board has conducted review proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.118, including review of the evidentiary record before the panel and consideration of the briefs and arguments presented by the parties at a review hearing conducted November 19, 2014.

The Board is not persuaded that the panel's order, issued August 7, 2014, was erroneous.

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing panel order of suspension issued August 7, 2014, is AFFIRMED.

IT IS ORDERED that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan is **SUSPENDED FOR 45 DAYS, EFFECTIVE** <u>FEBRUARY 20, 2015</u>, and until the respondent's filing of an affidavit of compliance with the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board and the Attorney Grievance Commission in accordance with MCR 9.123(A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the effective date of this order and until reinstatement in accordance with the applicable provisions of MCR 9.123, respondent is forbidden from practicing law in any form; appearing as an attorney before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority; or holding himself out as an attorney by any means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with MCR 9.119(A), respondent shall, within seven days after the effective date of this order, notify all of his active clients, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the following:

- 1. the nature and duration of the discipline imposed;
- 2. the effective date of such discipline;
- 3. respondent's inability to act as an attorney after the effective date of such discipline;
- 4. the location and identity of the custodian of the clients' files and records which will be made available to them or to substitute counsel;
- 5. that the clients may wish to seek legal advice and counsel elsewhere; provided that, if respondent was a member of a law firm, the firm may continue to represent each client with the client's express written consent;
- 6. the address to which all correspondence to respondent may be addressed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with MCR 9.119(B), respondent must, on or before the effective date of this order, in every matter in which respondent is representing a client in litigation, file with the tribunal and all parties a notice of respondent's disqualification from the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, respondent shall, within 14 days after the effective date of this order, file with the Grievance Administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board an affidavit of compliance as required by MCR 9.119(C).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's conduct after the entry of this order but prior to its effective date, shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in MCR 9.119(D); and respondent's compensation for legal services shall be subject to the restrictions described in MCR 9.119(F).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, on or before <u>February 20, 2015</u>, pay costs in the amount of **\$2,309.24** consisting of costs assessed by the hearing panel in the amount of **\$2,244.11** and court reporting costs incurred by the Attorney Discipline Board in the amount of **\$65.13** for the review proceedings conducted on November 19, 2014. Check or money order shall be made payable to the Attorney Discipline System and submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board, 211 West Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226, for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet).

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD By:

DATED: January 22, 2015

James M. Cameron, Jr., Chairperson

Board members James M. Cameron, Jr., Lawrence G. Campbell, Dulce M. Fuller, Sylvia P. Whitmer, Ph. D., Rosalind E. Griffin, M.D., Louann Van Der Wiele, James A. Fink, and John W. Inhulsen concur in this decision.

Board member Michael Murray was absent and did not participate.