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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,  
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

v

Case No. 10-140-GA

GREGORY J. REED, P 24750,

Respondent.

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**ORDER AFFIRMING HEARING PANEL ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
WITH CONDITION**

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

On June 6, 2013, Tri-County Hearing Panel #80 of the Attorney Discipline Board entered an order in this matter, suspending respondent's license to practice law in Michigan for a period of 90 days, with the condition that respondent attend 15 hours of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in pre-trial procedure, with at least half of the CLE hours to include civil pre-trial procedure. Respondent petitioned for review on June 25, 2013, and the Grievance Administrator filed a cross-petition on June 27, 2013. The discipline ordered by the hearing panel was automatically stayed pursuant to MCR 9.115(K) upon the filing of respondent's petition for review.

The Attorney Discipline Board has conducted review proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.118, including the Board's review of the record before the hearing panel and its consideration of the briefs and arguments submitted by the parties at a hearing conducted before the Board.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying opinion,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the hearing panel order of suspension with condition entered June 6, 2013, is **AFFIRMED**, except for the finding that MRPC 8.3(a) had been violated.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the allegations that respondent violated MRPC 8.3(a) are **DISMISSED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan is **SUSPENDED FOR 90 DAYS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2014**, and until the respondent's filing of an affidavit of compliance with the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board and the Attorney Grievance Commission.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, prior to the filing of an affidavit of compliance in accordance with MCR 9.123(A), respondent shall attend 15 hours of CLE in pre-trial procedure, with at least half of the CLE hours in civil pre-trial procedure. Respondent shall provide proof of his successful completion of these courses to the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Attorney Discipline Board within 14 days of attending each course.

**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 **October 15, 2014**, pay costs in the amount of **\$4,647.63**, consisting of costs assessed by the hearing panel in the amount of \$4,509.63 and court reporting costs incurred by the Attorney Discipline Board in the amount of \$138.00 for the review proceedings conducted on November 13, 2013. Check or money order shall be made payable to the State Bar of Michigan, but submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board [211 West Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226] for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet).

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By:   
James M. Cameron, Jr., Chairperson

Dated: September 16, 2014

Board members James M. Cameron, Jr., Craig H. Lubben, Rosalind E. Griffin, M.D., Dulce M. Fuller, and Michael Murray concur in this decision.

Board members Carl E. Ver Beek, Sylvia P. Whitmer, Ph.D., and Lawrence G. Campbell would have increased discipline to a 180-day suspension.

Board member Louann Van Der Wiele was absent and did not participate.