

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Attorney Discipline Board

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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner/Appellant,

v

Case Nos. 11-27-AI; 11-55-JC

KAREN K. PLANTS, P 43616,

Respondent/Appellee.

ORDER INCREASING TWO YEAR SUSPENSION TO DISBARMENT

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

On August 31, 2011, Tri-County Hearing Panel #4 of the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order suspending respondent's license to practice law in Michigan for a period of two years effective March 2, 2011, the date of respondent's conviction for misconduct in office, a felony, in violation of MCL 750.505C. The Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review, and the Attorney Discipline Board conducted review proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.118, which included a hearing on January 11, 2012, and the Board is otherwise fully advised,

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that, for the reasons set forth in the attached opinion, discipline in this case is increased from a suspension of two years to respondent's **DISBARMENT FROM THE PRACTICE LAW IN MICHIGAN, EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2011** and until further order of the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board or a hearing panel, and until respondent complies with the requirements of MCR 9.123(B) and (C); and MCR 9.124.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall pay court reporting costs incurred by the Board for the review hearing conducted on January 11, 2012, in the amount of \$124.00. Costs shall be paid on or before **April 18, 2012**. Costs may be paid by check or money order 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.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

By:


Thomas G. Kienbaum, Chairperson

DATED: March 20, 2012

Board members James M. Cameron, Jr., Andrea L. Solak, Craig H. Lubben, Sylvia P. Whitmer, Ph. D., Lawrence G. Campbell, and Dulce M. Fuller concur in this decision.

Board member James M. Cameron, Jr., concurs in a separate opinion.

Board member Thomas G. Kienbaum, in a separate opinion, concurs in part and dissents in part.

Board member Carl E. Ver Beek, in a separate opinion joined by Rosalind E. Griffin, M.D., dissents.