## STATE OF MICHIGAN

# Attorney Discipline Board ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

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#### GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR. Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner.

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Case No. 14-37-GA

PETER S. TANGALOS, P 52969,

Respondent.

### **ORDER DENYING RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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

Respondent filed a motion for reconsideration of the Attorney Discipline Board's order of September 6, 2016, increasing the discipline imposed in the hearing panel's Order of Suspension from a 60-day suspension to a 180-day suspension. The Board has considered respondent's motion, the petitioner's response, and respondent's supplemental brief; and is otherwise fully advised.

#### **NOW THEREFORE**,

IT IS ORDERED that respondent's motion for reconsideration is DENIED for the reason that it presents the same arguments he previously made on review and respondent has failed to demonstrate palpable error by which the Board has been misled or to otherwise demonstrate that the decisions of the hearing panel and the Board were entered erroneously.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the discipline in this case is increased from a 60-day suspension to a SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE LAW IN MICHIGAN FOR 180 DAYS, EFFECTIVE MARCH 3, 2017, 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 MCR 9.124.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in determining when the term of suspension has elapsed and in determining when respondent is eligible to file a petition for reinstatement under MCR 9.123(D)(1), respondent shall be credited with the 60-day period of suspension already served in this case from August 12, 2015 through October 13, 2015.

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>March 3, 2017</u>, pay costs in the amount of <u>\$137.49</u>, consisting of court reporting costs incurred by the Attorney Discipline Board for the review proceedings conducted on November 17, 2015. 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).

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By: Van Der Wiele, Chairperson Louann

Dated: February 2, 2017