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Attorney Discipline Board

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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,  
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

v

Case No. 15-73-GA

THOMAS J. SHANNON, P 35152,

Respondent.

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**ORDER INCREASING TWO AND ONE HALF YEAR SUSPENSION TO  
DISBARMENT AND AFFIRMING RESTITUTION AND CONDITION**

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

The Grievance Administrator petitioned the Attorney Discipline Board for review of the order of Tri-County Hearing Panel #14, dated August 5, 2016, suspending the license to practice law of respondent, Thomas J. Shannon, for a period of two and one half years and ordering restitution with a condition. The Attorney Discipline Board has conducted review proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.118, including review of the record before the hearing panel and consideration of the arguments and briefs presented by the parties. For the reasons discussed in the attached opinion, discipline is increased to disbarment and the restitution and condition provisions are affirmed.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED** that respondent, **Thomas J. Shannon**, is **DISBARRED** from the practice law in Michigan **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2016**, 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.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the restitution to be paid to Donna Jones as ordered by Tri-County Hearing Panel #14, is **AFFIRMED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the condition that respondent shall, prior to petitioning for reinstatement, submit an evaluation, dated no more than 30 days prior to the filing of a petition for reinstatement, stating that respondent is mentally and physically fit to return to the practice of law, as ordered by Tri-County Hearing Panel #14, is **AFFIRMED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondent shall not be eligible for reinstatement in accordance with MCR 9.123(B) unless respondent has fully complied with the restitution provisions of this order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the respondent shall comply with all applicable provisions of MCR 9.119.

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<sup>1</sup> On September 18, 2015, the hearing panel issued an order suspending respondent from the practice of law based on his claim of physical incapacity as a reason for his inability to appear for hearing. Respondent failed to provide the medical documentation as ordered by the panel in its September 3, 2015 order. That suspension went into effect on September 21, 2015. Please see Notice of Interim Suspension Pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(2), issued September 23, 2015.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondent shall, on or before **March 9, 2017**, pay costs incurred by the Attorney Discipline Board for the transcript of review proceedings conducted on December 14, 2016 in the amount of \$93.50. This amount is in addition to the costs previously assessed in the hearing panel order of August 5, 2016, together with interest pursuant to MCR 9.128. Total costs assessed and owed are **\$2,192.57**. Check or money order shall be made payable to the Attorney Discipline System, and submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board [211 West Fort St., Suite 1410, Detroit, MI 48226] for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet).

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

By:   
Louann Van Der Wiele, Chairperson

Dated: February 8, 2017

Board members Louann Van Der Wiele, Rev. Michael Murray, Dulce M. Fuller, James A. Fink, John W. Inhulsen, Jonathan E. Lauderbach, Barbara William Forney, Karen D. O'Donoghue, and Michael B. Rizik, Jr., concur in this decision.