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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

v

Case No. 18-24-RD

RICHARD J. DOUD, P 23271,

Respondent.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board
211 W. Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226

This matter is before the Attorney Discipline Board upon the filing of a certified copy of an Opinion and Order suspending respondent's license to practice law in federal court for 90 days, entered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, on June 23, 2017, *In Re Richard J. Doud and Andrew M. Ferguson*, Case No. 15-mc-50494. Under MCR 9.120(C)(1), misconduct is conclusively established and comparable discipline shall be imposed in Michigan unless it is established that respondent was not afforded due process of law in the course of the original proceeding or that the imposition of comparable discipline in Michigan would be clearly inappropriate.

Pursuant to the requirements of MCR 9.120(C)(2), an Order Regarding Imposition of Reciprocal Discipline was served upon respondent on March 15, 2018. The 21-day period discussed in MCR 9.120(C)(2)(b) expired on April 5, 2018, without objection and the respondent is deemed to be in default with the same effect as a default in a civil action. MCR 9.120(C)(6).

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan is **SUSPENDED FOR 90 DAYS, EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2018**, 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 May 15, 2018, pay costs in the amount of **\$1560.04**. 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:



Louann Van Der Weide, Chairperson

Dated: April 16, 2018