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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION

Case Nos. 17-35-JC; 17-36-GA

Notice Issued: September 19, 2017

Lisa Beazley Phillips, P 48119, Tecumseh, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #3.

Disbarred, Effective September 19, 2017¹

Respondent was convicted, by guilty plea, of embezzlement by an agent or trustee greater than \$1,000 and less than \$20,000, in violation of MCL 750.1744A, in *People of the State of Michigan v Lisa Beazley Phillips*, 39th Circuit Court Case No. 15-17714-FH. In accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(1), respondent's license to practice law in Michigan was automatically suspended effective December 5, 2016, the date of respondent's felony conviction. Based on this conviction, the panel found that respondent violated the criminal laws of the State of Michigan, contrary to MCR 9.104(5). Additionally, based on respondent's default for failing to answer the formal complaint, the panel found that respondent neglected legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of her clients, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain legal matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to refund the payment of fees that have not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); made a false statement of material fact to a third person in the course of representing a client, in violation of MRPC 4.1; knowingly failed to respond to lawful demands for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); and failure to answer three requests for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(3); and MRPC 8.4(b) and (c).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice law in Michigan. The panel also ordered that respondent be required to pay restitution in the total amount of \$22,196.00 to three complainants. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,972.39.

Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since December 5, 2016. Please see Notice of Automatic Interim Suspension, issued April 14, 2017.