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**In the Matter of the Reinstatement
Petition of Lauren M. Underwood, P45414,**

ADB Case No. 11-136RP

Petitioner.

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Reinstatement

Notice is given that Lauren M. Underwood has filed a Petition for Reinstatement in the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan and with the Attorney Grievance Commission seeking reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Michigan, and restoration of her license to practice law.

Petitioner and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), containing Petitioner's plea of no contest to the allegations that she neglected her clients' legal matters; failed to seek the lawful objectives of her clients; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing her clients; failed to communicate with her clients regarding the status of their legal matters and responding to her clients' requests for information; failed to communicate with her clients to the extent reasonably necessary for her clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation; provided financial assistance to her clients in connection with pending or contemplated litigation; knowingly revealed a confidence or secret of her clients; made knowing misrepresentations of facts or circumstances surrounding a request for investigation; and knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(2)-(4) and (7) and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 1.6(b)(1); 1.8(e); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a) and (b). The parties agreed that Petitioner should be suspended for 180 days and be subject to a condition relevant to the alleged misconduct.

To be reinstated, Petitioner is required to establish by evidence that is clear and convincing the following:

1. She desires in good faith to be restored to the privilege to practice law in this State;
2. The term of the suspension ordered has elapsed or five years have elapsed since revocation of the license;
3. She has not practiced or attempted to practice law contrary to the requirement of her suspension or revocation;
4. She has complied fully with the terms of the order of discipline;
5. Her conduct since the discipline has been exemplary and above reproach;
6. She has proper understanding of, and attitude towards the standards that are imposed upon members of the Bar and that she will conduct herself in conformity with such standards;
7. She can safely be recommended to the public, the courts and the legal profession as a person fit to be consulted by others and to represent them and otherwise act in matters of trust and confidence, and in general to aid in the administration of justice as a member of the Bar and as an officer of the court;
8. That if she has been suspended for three years or more, she has been recertified by the Board of Law Examiners;

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9. That she has reimbursed or has agreed to reimburse the Client Protection Fund any money paid from the fund as a result of her conduct. Failure to fully reimburse as agreed is grounds for revocation of a reinstatement.


A hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, February 27, 2012**, commencing at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the hearing panel chairperson, Steven J. Matz, 25800 Northwestern Highway, Suite 925, Southfield, Michigan.

In the interest of maintaining the high standards imposed upon the legal profession as conditions for the privilege to practice law in this state, and protecting the public, the judiciary and the legal profession against conduct contrary to such standards, Petitioner will be required to establish her eligibility for reinstatement by evidence that is clear and convincing.

Any interested person may appear at such hearing and be heard in support of or in opposition to said petition for reinstatement. Any person having information bearing on the Petitioner's eligibility for reinstatement should contact:

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