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STATE OF MICHIGAN

## Attorney Discipline Board

GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,  
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner/Appellee,

v

Case No. 18-6-GA

SCOTT D. NORTON, P 35717

Respondent/Appellant.

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### **ORDER AFFIRMING HEARING PANEL ORDER OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION**

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board  
333 W. Fort St., Ste. 1700, Detroit, MI

On June 14, 2019, Tri-County Hearing Panel #10 of the Attorney Discipline Board entered an order in this matter, suspending respondent's license to practice law in Michigan for a period of 60 days. On June 18, 2019, respondent filed a timely petition for review and a request for a stay, which resulted in an automatic stay of the hearing panel's order.

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 briefs and arguments presented to the Board at a review hearing conducted on October 16, 2019.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying opinion,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the hearing panel's Order of Suspension and Restitution, issued June 14, 2019, is **AFFIRMED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan is **SUSPENDED FOR 60 DAYS, EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2020**, and until 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 respondent shall, on or before **March 4, 2020**, pay restitution in the amount of **\$1,500.00** to Martin Lemieux. Respondent shall file written proof of payment with the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Attorney Discipline Board within 10 days of the payment of restitution.

**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.

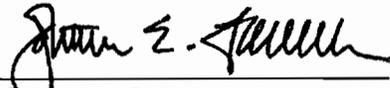
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in accordance with MCR 9.119(B), respondent must, on or before the effective date of this order, in every matter in which respondent is representing a client in litigation, file with the tribunal and all parties a notice of respondent's disqualification from the practice 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 **March 4, 2020**, pay costs in the amount of **\$2,251.88**, consisting of costs assessed by the hearing panel in the amount of \$2,126.88 and court reporting costs incurred by the Attorney Discipline Board in the amount of \$125.00 for the review proceedings conducted on October 16, 2019. Check or money order shall be made payable to the Attorney Discipline System and submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board, 333 West Fort St., Ste. 1700, Detroit, MI 48226, for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet).

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

By:   
Jonathan E. Lauderbach, Chairperson

Dated: February 4, 2020

Board members Jonathan E. Lauderbach, Michael B. Rizik, Jr., Barbara Williams Forney, James A. Fink, Karen O'Donoghue, Linda Hotchkiss, MD, Anna Frushour, and Michael S. Hohausser concur in this decision.

Board member John W. Inhulsen was absent and did not participate