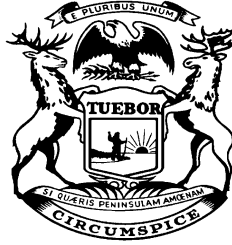


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**NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 24-70-GA

**Notice Issued: April 13, 2026**

Robert A. Canner, P 11572, Southfield, Michigan

Disbarment, Effective December 12, 2025<sup>1</sup>

The Grievance Administrator filed a three count formal complaint against respondent alleging that he committed professional misconduct during his representation of three separate clients. Respondent filed a timely answer to the complaint asserting his Fifth Amendment privilege to the majority of the allegations. Prior to the hearing in this matter, respondent amended his answer to the formal complaint by pleading no contest to each allegation to which respondent had originally asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege. At the hearing, the Grievance Administrator moved to dismiss Count Three of the formal complaint.

Based on respondent's admissions and pleas of no contest to the allegations of professional misconduct set forth in the remaining two counts of Formal Complaint 24-70-GA, Tri-County Hearing Panel #71 found that respondent intentionally misappropriated one client's funds by retaining them for himself, intentionally misappropriated another client's settlement funds by failing to disburse the remainder of the funds, and, intentionally commingled non-client funds with client funds by depositing non-client funds into his IOLTA during the time that his client's funds were required to be held in the IOLTA.

Specifically, the panel found that respondent engaged in professional misconduct by: failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a) (Count One); charging or collecting an illegal or clearly excessive fee, in violation of MRPC 1.5(a) (Counts One and Two); failing to put a contingent-fee agreement in writing, stating the method by which the fee is to be determined, in violation of MRPC 1.5(c) (Count One); failing to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive, except as stated in the rule or

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously ineligible to practice law in Michigan since his disbarment on April 16, 2025. See Notice of Disbarment and Restitution issued on October 21, 2025, in *Grievance Administrator v Robert A. Canner*, Case No. 23-83-GA.

otherwise permitted by law or by agreement with the client or third person, and, upon request by the client or third person, promptly render a full accounting regarding such property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3) (Counts One and Two); failing to hold property of clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from his own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d) (Counts One and Two); upon termination of representation, failing to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled, and refunding any advance payment of fee that has not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d) (Count One); and, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b) (Counts One and Two). The panel found respondent's conduct to have also violated MCR 9.104(2)-(4) and MRPC 8.4(a) (Counts One and Two).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred effective April 17, 2030, to run consecutively with the disbarment imposed in *Grievance Administrator v Robert A. Canner*, Case No. 23-83-GA, and further ordered restitution totaling \$16,549.10. Prior to the effective date of the original decision, respondent moved to amend the order to change the effective date of the discipline from April 17, 2030, to December 12, 2025. Following a hearing on the motion, the panel granted the requested relief. All other provisions of the original order remained unchanged. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,485.44.