On May 4, 2017, Tri-County Hearing Panel #1 of the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order suspending respondent’s license to practice law in Michigan for a period of 180 days, effective May 26, 2017. Respondent filed a petition for review and request for stay of discipline on May 8, 2017. The Grievance Administrator had no objection to respondent’s request. On May 23, 2017, the Board issued an order granting respondent’s request for a stay. The Grievance Administrator filed a cross-petition for review on May 25, 2017. The Attorney Discipline Board has conducted review proceedings in accordance with MCR 9.118, including review of the record below, consideration of the briefs filed by the parties, and the oral arguments presented to the Board at a review hearing, and is otherwise fully advised,

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that, for the reasons set forth in the attached opinion, the hearing panel’s findings of misconduct have proper evidentiary support in the record and are AFFIRMED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Tri-County Hearing Panel #1’s Order of Suspension, issued May 4, 2017, is VACATED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, Steven G. Cohen, is hereby REPRIMANDED EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2018.

* Amended as to total amount of costs due only. The order issued on April 20, 2018, improperly ordered respondent to pay $208.00 for the review proceedings conducted on August 16, 2017.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, on or before May 19, 2018, pay costs in the amount of $9,513.05, consisting of costs assessed by the hearing panel. 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 Wiele, Chairperson

DATED: April 25, 2018

Board members Louann Van Der Wiele, Rev. Michael Murray, Dulce M. Fuller, James A. Fink, John W. Inhulsen, Jonathan E. Lauderbach, Barbara Williams Forney, Karen O'Donoghue, and Michael B. Rizik, Jr. concur in this decision.