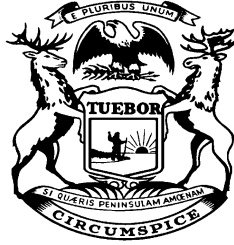


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**AMENDED<sup>1</sup> NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 25-79-GA

**Notice Issued: May 20, 2026**

John E. Berry, P 34268, Lake Linden, MI

Suspension - 30 Days, Effective July 1, 2026<sup>2</sup>

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by Grand Traverse Hearing Panel #1. The stipulation contained respondent's admissions to the factual allegations in the formal complaint, and respondent's admissions to allegations of professional misconduct set forth in subparagraphs 41(c), (d), (e), (f), (h), and (j) of the formal complaint. Specifically, it was alleged alleging that over the course of a six-year representation of a client in an adoption matter, respondent failed to provide competent representation, neglected the matter, failed to act with reasonable diligence, failed to adequately communicate with his client, and made false statements of material fact to his client when he represented that adoption paperwork had been filed with the Court when he knew such statements to be false. The stipulation further contained the parties' agreement that subparagraphs 41(a), (b), (g), (i), (k), and (l) of the formal complaint were to be dismissed.

Based on respondent's admissions and no contest pleas, the panel found that respondent: neglected a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the needs of the client, in violation of MRPC 3.2; engaged in conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4); and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 30 days, effective July 1, 2026. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$772.31.

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<sup>1</sup> Amended to correct inaccurate pronouns in the first paragraph.

<sup>2</sup> The panel found that the parties' had set forth good cause for modification of the effective date to July 1, 2026.