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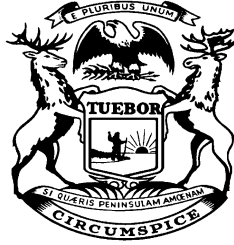
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**NOTICE OF REPRIMAND**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 24-86-GA

**Notice Issued: January 8, 2025**

Joshua C. Castmore, P 76326, Trenton, Michigan

Reprimand, Effective January 4, 2025

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by Tri-County Hearing Panel #5. The stipulation contained respondent's plea of no contest to both the factual allegations and allegations of professional misconduct set forth in the formal complaint, namely that during his representation of a client, who was being sued for breach of contract and foreclosure of a construction lien, respondent failed to appear for a trial despite being told that the judge intended to proceed with the trial as scheduled. Respondent's failure to appear resulted in the court granting the plaintiff's motion for directed verdict and entering a default judgment against respondent's client.

Based upon respondent's no contest pleas as set forth in the parties' stipulation, the panel found that respondent failed to adequately prepare for a case under the circumstances, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b); neglected a matter entrusted to him, 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; withdrew from representation and failed to appear on behalf of the client, without an order of the court, in violation of MCR 2.117(C)(2); failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests upon termination, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); and engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$910.45.