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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS

(By Consent)

Case Nos. 26-45-JC; 26-46-GA

Notice Issued: November 5, 2026

Kristine DeBaeke, P 80658, Canton, Michigan

Suspension - 45 Days, November 4, 2026

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline, which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by Tri-County Hearing Panel #7. The stipulation contained respondent's admission that she was convicted by no contest plea on September 29, 2025, of Operating While Impaired by Liquor, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCL 257.6253-A, in *Township of Plymouth v Kristine DeBaeke*, 35th Judicial District Court, Case No. 25T-9929t, and that her conviction constituted professional misconduct. The parties' stipulation also contained respondent's no-contest pleas to the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 7-9 ,12, 19, and 21, her admissions to the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 10-11,13-15, 17,18, 20, and 22-26, and her admissions to the allegations of professional misconduct set forth in paragraph 16(a)-(e) and paragraph 27(a)-(f) of the formal complaint. Specifically, that respondent failed to report her conviction as required by MCR 9.120(A)(1) and failed to file an answer to the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation (GARI) that resulted from her conviction.

Based on respondent's admissions, no contest pleas, and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent: engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MCR 9.104(5); engaged 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); engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(1) and MRPC 8.4(c) (Counts One and Two); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2) (Counts One and Two); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3) (Counts One and Two); engaged in conduct that is in violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(4) and MRPC 8.4(a) (Counts One and Two); failed to notify the Grievance Administrator and the Board of a conviction within 14 days after the conviction, in violation of MCR

9.120(A)(1) (Count One); failed to answer a request for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A) and MCR 9.113(B)(2), in violation of MCR 9.104(7) (Count Two); and, knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2) (Count Two).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 45 days and that she be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Total costs were assessed in the amount of $813.23.