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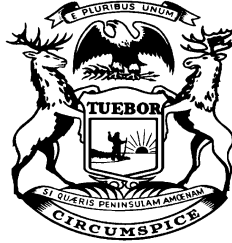
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 24-30-GA

Notice Issued: August 4, 2026

Donald J. Cataldo, P 55257, Howell, Michigan

Suspension - 30 Days, Effective September 1, 2026

The Grievance Administrator filed a two-count formal complaint against respondent. Count One of the complaint alleges that respondent committed professional misconduct. Based on the evidence presented at a hearing held in this matter in accordance with MCR 9.115, Tri-County Hearing Panel #68 found that respondent engaged in an inappropriate relationship with his client's estranged spouse, whom his client subsequently divorced, and agreed to act as a third-party neutral to draft a parenting time agreement for the parties' minor child without disclosing the relationship to his client.

Specifically, the panel found that respondent: represented a client where the representation of that client was materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to another client or to a third person, or by the lawyer's own interests, where the lawyer did not reasonably believe the representation would not be adversely affected or where the client did not consent after consultation, in violation of MRPC 1.7(b) [Count One]; having formerly represented a client in a matter, thereafter represented a person in the same or a substantially related matter in which that person's interests are materially adverse to the interests of the former client where the former client did not consent after consultation, in violation of MRPC 1.9(a) [Count One]; represented a client or, after representation had commenced, failed to withdraw from the representation of a client where: (1) the representation would result in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law; (2) the lawyer's physical or mental condition materially impaired the lawyer's ability to represent the client; or (3) the lawyer was discharged, in violation of MRPC 1.16(a) [Count One]; served as a third-party neutral in a manner prohibited by MRPC 2.4, in violation of MRPC 2.4 [Count One]; 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)

[Count One]; engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3) [Count One]; and, failed to timely answer the request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and 9.113(B)(2) [Count Two].

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 30 days, effective August 4, 2026. Respondent subsequently filed a motion to modify the effective date of the suspension to September 1, 2026, which was granted by the panel. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$5,403.56.