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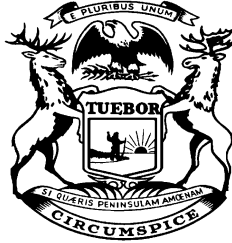
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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND WITH CONDITIONS AND RESTITUTION
(By Consent)

Case No. 24-89-GA

Notice Issued: August 24, 2026

Issa Fawaz, P 83664, Dearborn, Michigan

Reprimand, Effective July 8, 2025

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed an Amended 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 #6. The parties dismissed paragraph 79(v) of the formal complaint, and respondent pled no contest to the factual allegations and rule violations set forth in the balance of the formal complaint. Specifically, the stipulation for consent order of discipline contained respondent's no contest plea to allegations that he: made disparaging remarks about other attorneys before and during the representation of his clients, failed to adequately communicate with his clients, failed to properly account for client funds, charged a clearly excessive fee, and failed to appear at hearings leading to default judgments, and entered into unauthorized settlements. The stipulation for consent order of discipline further contained respondent's no contest plea to the allegation that, after his representation was terminated, respondent delayed or failed to return client files, improperly held client funds without providing an accounting, and failed to timely withdraw as attorney of record from those cases.

Based upon respondent's no contest pleas as set forth in the parties' amended stipulation, the panel found that respondent failed to provide competent representation to his client, in violation of MRPC 1.1; neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of a client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); settled a case without the authorization of his client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and/or failed to comply promptly with a client's reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to promptly notify his client about settlement offers, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); entered into an agreement for, charged, and/or collected an illegal or clearly excessive fee, in violation of MRPC 1.5(a); failed to adequately communicate the basis or rate of the fee to his client, in violation of MRPC 1.5(b); entered into a contingent-fee agreement that was not in writing

and/or which did not state the method by which the fee was to be determined, in violation of MRPC 1.5(c); failed to exercise reasonable care to prevent employees, associates, or others whose services are utilized by him from disclosing or using confidences or secrets of a client, in violation of MRPC 1.6(d); failed to (1) promptly notify a client or third person when funds or property in which a client or third person has an interest were received; (2) preserve complete records of such account funds and other property for a period of five years after termination of the representation; and (3) promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive, except as stated in this rule or otherwise permitted by law or by agreement with the client or third person, and, upon request by the client or third person, promptly render a full accounting regarding such property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b); 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) his physical or mental condition materially impaired his ability to represent the client, or (3) he was discharged, in violation of MRPC 1.16(a); failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests upon termination of representation, including by failing to surrender papers or property to which the client is entitled and failing to refund any advance payment of fee that has not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); filed pleadings and motions, asserting or controverting issues without a basis for doing so that is non-frivolous, in violation of MRPC 3.1; failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of his client, in violation of MRPC 3.2; as a partner of a law firm, he failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the firm had in effect measures giving reasonable assurance that the conduct of nonlawyers in the firm was compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 5.3(a); having direct supervisory authority over a nonlawyer, failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the person's conduct was compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 5.3(b); failed to treat with courtesy and respect all persons involved in the legal process, in violation of MRPC 6.5(a); gave something of value to a person for recommending the lawyer's services, in violation of MRPC 7.2(c); engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(1); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); and engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3).

In accordance with the amended stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded, required him to comply with conditions relevant to the established misconduct, and to pay restitution. On July 7, 2025, the complainant filed a timely petition for review pursuant to MCR 9.118, and the Board affirmed the reprimand, effective July 8, 2025, with conditions and restitution in the amount of \$12,465.00 on December 2, 2025. On December 22, 2025, the complainant filed a motion for reconsideration. On January 30, 2026, the Board denied complainant's motion.

On February 18, 2026, the complainant filed an application for leave to the Michigan Supreme Court, which was denied by the Court on July 30, 2026. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,502.31.