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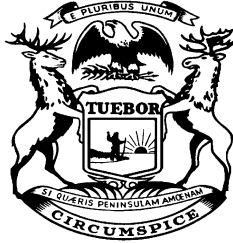
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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND
(By Consent)

Case No. 25-101-GA

Notice Issued: October 22, 2026

Donald C. Darnell, P 55268, Dexter, Michigan

Reprimand - Effective October 22, 2026

The Grievance Administrator filed a formal complaint against respondent, alleging that, as owner and operator of Superfly Garage, LLC, he failed to remit employee withholding taxes to the IRS despite withholding the taxes from employees' paychecks, causing employees difficulties with tax filings, benefits, refunds, and income verification. Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #5. The stipulation contained respondent's no contest plea to all of the factual allegations, as well as the allegations of professional misconduct set forth in subparagraphs 38(b)-(e) of the formal complaint. The parties agreed that the professional misconduct allegations set forth in subparagraphs 38(a) and 38(f) would be dismissed.¹

Based upon respondent's no contest plea and the parties' stipulation, the panel found that respondent 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); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and engaged in conduct that is a violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MRPC 8.4(a) and MCR 9.104(4)

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,252.35.

¹ Paragraph 38(a) alleged that respondent 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), and paragraph 38(f) alleged that respondent failed to pay taxes on employees' wages in violation of 26 U.S. Code §3402(a)(1).