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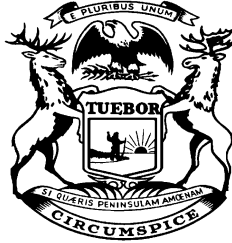
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS

Case No. 24-27-MZ (Ref. 22-83-JC); 24-45-GA

Notice Issued: January 22, 2025

John Lawrence McDonough, P 68576, Three Rivers, Michigan

Suspension - Two Years, Effective January 11, 2025

The Grievance Administrator filed a motion for order to show cause seeking additional discipline for respondent's failure to comply with an order of reprimand with conditions (by consent) issued by Kalamazoo Hearing Panel #2 on June 7, 2023. The Grievance Administrator also filed a formal complaint (24-45-GA) against respondent for his alleged mishandling of a client matter and failure to answer a request for investigation. The two matters were consolidated. Respondent failed to file an answer to either the motion for order to show cause or the formal complaint, and a default was entered.

Based on respondent's default and as confirmed by the evidence presented at the hearing, the Panel found that respondent committed misconduct as alleged in the formal complaint (24-45-GA). Specifically, respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c) [Count One]; failed to seek the lawful objectives of a client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a) [Count One]; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3 [Count One]; 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) [Count One]; failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests upon termination of representation, such as failing to refund any advanced fees that had not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d) [Count One]; failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of his client, in violation of MRPC 3.2 [Count One]; failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2) [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 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]; failed to answer a Request for Investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113(B)(2) [Count Two]; and entered into or attempted to obtain an agreement that (a) the

professional misconduct or the terms of a settlement of a claim for professional misconduct shall not be reported to the administrator; (b) the plaintiff shall withdraw a request for investigation or shall not cooperate with the investigation or prosecution of misconduct by the administrator; or (c) the record of any civil action for professional misconduct shall be sealed from review by the administrator, in violation of MCR 9.104(10) [Count One]. The Panel also found that respondent violated the order of reprimand with conditions (by consent) previously entered in 22-83-JC, in violation of MCR 9.104(9).

The Panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for two years, and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,887.43.