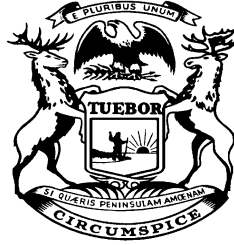


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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND AND RESTITUTION
(By Consent)

Case No. 25-92-GA

Notice Issued: February 27, 2026

Steven E. Scharg, P 43732, Detroit, Michigan

Reprimand, Effective February 27, 2026

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a 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 #9. The stipulation contained respondent's no contest pleas to the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1-8, and 11-33 and allegations of professional misconduct contained in paragraph 34, sub-paragraphs (b) and (e) of the formal complaint. Specifically, respondent collected an excessive fee and failed to refund an unearned fee, and made a knowingly false statement of material fact to the Grievance Administrator during the investigation of the underlying request for investigation. The stipulation further contained the parties' agreement that paragraphs 9, 10, and 34, sub-paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (f) be dismissed.

Based upon respondent's no contest pleas and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that respondent failed to refund an advance payment of fee that had not been earned upon termination of representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); and, engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that respondent be reprimanded and required him to pay restitution in the amount of \$13,603.19. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$761.87.