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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case Nos. 26-7-JC; 26-8-GA; 26-44-GA

Notice Issued: November 23, 2026

Rebecca S. Tieppo, P 62311, Livonia, Michigan

Suspension - One Year, Effective November 20, 2026[1]

The Grievance Administrator filed a combined Notice of Filing of Judgment of Conviction (Case No. 26-7-JC) and Formal Complaint (Case No. 26-8-GA), charging that respondent committed acts of professional misconduct warranting discipline. Specifically, the notice, filed in accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(3), advised that respondent was convicted by no contest plea on October 8, 2025, of Criminal Damaging or Endangering Property – 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor, in violation of ORC 2909.06, in *State of Ohio v Rebecca Sophia Tieppo*, Toledo Municipal Court, Case No. CRA-25-07205-0101. The formal complaint alleged that respondent committed professional misconduct by failing to provide notice of her conviction to the Attorney Discipline Board and Attorney Grievance Commission as required by MCR 9.120(A)(1), and by failing to answer a request for investigation.

The Grievance Administrator later filed Formal Complaint 26-44-GA, charging that respondent committed acts of misconduct warranting discipline when she failed to communicate with or provide legal services to an appointed client seeking post-conviction relief and improperly terminated the attorney-client relationship without providing further assistance. Formal Complaint 26-44-GA was consolidated with the Notice of Filing of Judgment of Conviction and Formal Complaint 26-8-GA.

Respondent did not file answers to the formal complaints, and her default was entered by the Grievance Administrator on May 14, 2026. Proceedings were conducted pursuant to MCR 9.115, and respondent failed to appear. After the proceedings concluded, Tri-County Hearing Panel #1 found that respondent committed professional misconduct when she engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MCR 9.104(5).

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[1] Respondent's license to practice law in Michigan has been continuously suspended since May 29, 2025. See Notice of Suspension With Conditions, issued on May 29, 2025, in *Grievance Administrator v Rebecca S. Tieppo*, Case No. 22-82-GA.

Based on respondent's conviction, default, and the evidence admitted at the hearing, the hearing panel found that respondent violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law, in violation of MCR 9.104(5); failed to provide written notice of a conviction to the Grievance Administrator and the Board within 14 days, in violation of MCR 9.120(A)(1); failed to file a written answer within 21 days after being served with the request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.113(A); failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); handled a legal matter which the lawyer was not competent to handle, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a); handled a legal matter without adequate preparation in the circumstances, in violation of MRPC 1.1(b); neglected a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); acted without reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interests of the client, in violation of MRPC 3.2; engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(1) and MRPC 8.4(c); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure or reproach, as proscribed by MCR 9.104(2); engaging in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty or good morals, as proscribed by MCR 9.104(3); and engaged in conduct that is in violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(4) and MRPC 8.4(a).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for one year. Costs were assessed in the amount of $1,928.86.