

PETITIONER

EUGENE A. GORETA

Notice is given that **Eugene A. Goretz**, P14207, has filed a petition in the Michigan Supreme Court and with the Attorney Grievance Commission seeking reinstatement as a member of the State Bar and restoration of his license to practice law.

Effective October 21, 2014, the petitioner appeared at the hearing and filed an answer to the formal complaint. The hearing panel found that the petitioner failed to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that a client or third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to hold separate funds or property of which two people claimed an interest, in violation of MRPC 1.15(c); failed to hold property of a third person in connection with representation separate from the lawyer's own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); made a false statement of material fact to a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.3; made a false statement of material fact to a third person, in violation of MRPC 4.1; and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b). The panel also found that the petitioner violated MCR 9.104(2) and (3).

The panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$5,610. The petitioner filed a petition for review and a motion for stay of discipline. On October 20, 2014, the Attorney Discipline Board denied the petitioner's motion for stay of discipline.

A hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the office of the Attorney Discipline Board, 211 W. Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226.

In the interest of maintaining the high standards imposed on the legal profession as conditions for the privilege to practice law in this state, and of protecting the public, the judiciary, and the legal profession against conduct contrary to such standards, the petitioner will be required to establish his eligibility for reinstatement by clear and convincing evidence.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and be heard in support of or in opposition to the petition for reinstatement. Any person having information bearing on the petitioner's eligibility for reinstatement should contact:

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

The petitioner is required to establish the following by clear and convincing evidence:

1. He desires in good faith to be restored to the privilege to practice law in this state.
2. The term of the suspension ordered has elapsed or five years have elapsed since revocation of the license.
3. He has not practiced or attempted to practice law contrary to the requirement of his suspension or revocation.
4. He has complied fully with the terms of the order of discipline.
5. His conduct since the discipline has been exemplary and above reproach.
6. He has a proper understanding of and attitude toward the standards that are imposed on members of the Bar and will conduct himself in conformity with those standards.
7. He can safely be recommended to the public, the courts, and the legal profession as a person fit to be consulted by others and to represent them and otherwise act in matters of trust and confidence, and, in general, to aid in the administration of justice as a member of the Bar and as an officer of the court.

8. If he has been suspended for three years or more, he has been recertified by the Board of Law Examiners.

9. He has reimbursed or has agreed to reimburse the Client Protection Fund any money paid from the fund as a result of his conduct. Failure to fully reimburse as agreed is grounds for revocation of a reinstatement.

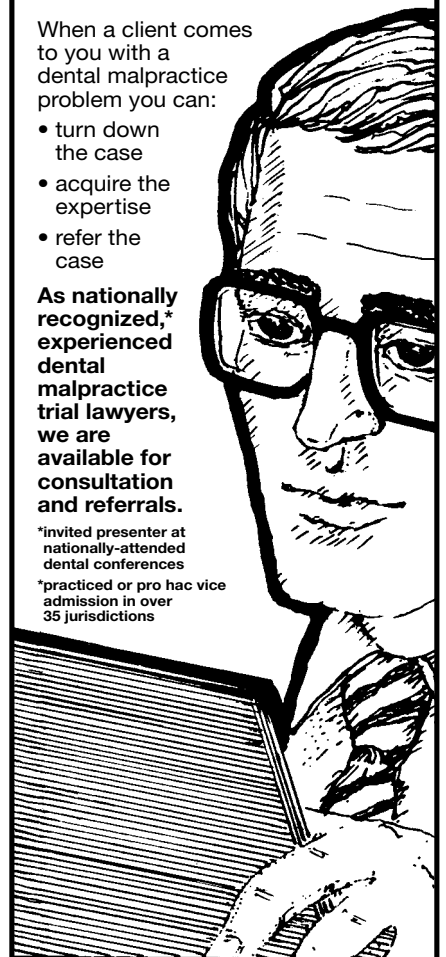
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