

Disbarment and Restitution

Ray G. Tallerday, P30233, Adrian Lake, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #1, effective July 9, 2014.¹

The panel issued an order of interim suspension of the respondent's license, effective May 16, 2014, based on his failure to appear at a hearing scheduled for April 3, 2014. The respondent was also found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint.

Based on the respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the respondent, in four cases, neglected the legal matters, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); and failed to return unearned fees upon termination of the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d). The panel also found that the respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c); and MCR 9.104(1)–(4).

The hearing panel ordered the respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan and that he pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$6,451. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,842.03.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since May 16, 2014. Please see notice of interim suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H), issued May 16, 2014.

Disbarment (By Consent)

D. Richard Black, P25773, Jenison, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Kent County Hearing Panel #3, effective January 6, 2013.¹

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based on the respondent's plea of no contest, the hearing panel found that the respondent failed to comply with the hearing panel's August 29, 2013 order of suspension and restitution. Specifically, the respondent continued to hold himself out as an attorney and failed to file an affidavit of compliance, in violation of MCR 9.119(A)–(C) and (E).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, effective January 6, 2013. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$772.11.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 6, 2013. Please see notice of suspension and restitution (by consent), issued January 10, 2013.

Final Disbarment

James M. Cameron, P41221, Dover, New Hampshire, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #21, effective August 23, 2010.¹

The respondent was convicted in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine on eight counts of transportation of child pornography; four counts of receipt of child pornography; and one count of possessing child pornography, all felonies. In accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(1), the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan was suspended, effective August 23, 2010, the date of his felony convictions.

A discipline proceeding was instituted by the grievance administrator, in accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(3), and the respondent did not appear at the hearing. Based on the evidence of the respondent's felony convictions, the panel found that he had engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of the state of Michigan, contrary to MCR 9.104(A)(5).

The panel ordered that the respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan, effective August 23, 2010, the date of his automatic interim suspension. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,728.47.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since August 23, 2010. Please see notice of automatic interim suspension, issued January 25, 2011.

Automatic Reinstatement

Meri Craver Borin, P46071, Troy, effective June 19, 2014.

The respondent was suspended from the practice of law in Michigan for 45 days, effective April 15, 2014. In accordance with MCR 9.123(A), the suspension was terminated with the respondent's filing of an affidavit of compliance with the clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court on June 19, 2014.

Reprimand (By Consent)

James R. Lancaster Jr., P38567, Lansing, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Ingham County Hearing Panel #2, effective July 19, 2014.

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent was

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convicted, by guilty plea, of consuming alcohol on a highway, in violation of MCL 436.34-A, in the 65A District Court, Case No. 13-DT1146-OT.

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$768.93.

Reprimands With Conditions (By Consent)

Paul N. Baker, P35007, Royal Oak, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #52, effective July 16, 2014.

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent acknowledged that he was convicted in the 44th District Court of operating while intoxicated, in violation of MCL 257.625B, in the matter of *People of the State of Michigan v Paul Norman Baker*, Case No. 12-78110-SD. Based on the respondent's conviction, the panel found that the respondent engaged in conduct that violated the criminal laws of the state of Michigan, contrary to MCR 9.104(5).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent be reprimanded and be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$775.12.

Harrison W. Munson, P46624, Detroit, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #1, effective July 15, 2014.

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Based on the respondent's plea of no contest, the panel found that the respondent requested that a person other than his client refrain from voluntarily giving relevant information, in violation of MRPC 3.4(f). The panel also found

that the respondent violated MRPC 8.4(c) and MCR 9.104(10) and (2).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent be reprimanded and be subject to a condition relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$902.18.

Suspension

Jess E. Forrest, P68439, New Buffalo, by the Attorney Discipline Board, for 180 days, effective June 20, 2014.

The respondent was suspended by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois for six months, effective February 7, 2014.

Pursuant to MCR 9.120(C)(1), proof of the adjudication of misconduct in a disciplinary proceeding in another state or a United States court is conclusive proof of misconduct in disciplinary proceedings in Michigan and will result in comparable discipline being imposed under subchapter 9.100 of the Michigan Court Rules, unless it is established that the respondent was not afforded due process of law in the course of the original proceeding, or that the imposition of comparable discipline in Michigan would be clearly inappropriate.

On April 11, 2014, the respondent was ordered to show cause why he should not be subject to a reciprocal order of discipline in Michigan. Pursuant to MCR 9.120(C)(2)(b), no objections were filed by either party in response to the order to show cause and the respondent was found to be in default, with the same effect as a default in a civil action.

The Attorney Discipline Board ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay costs in the amount of \$1,508.87.

Suspensions and Restitution

Stephen P. Fitzgerald, P69229, Detroit, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #14, for 180 days, effective August 1, 2014.¹

The respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on the respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the respondent, who had been retained to negotiate a resolution of a default judgment, neglected the matter, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c); failed to seek the lawful objectives of his client, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a); failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, in violation of MRPC 1.3; failed

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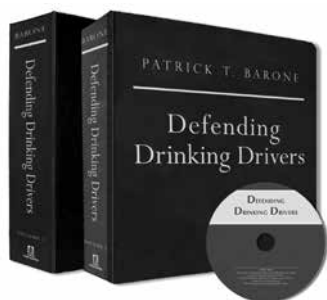
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to keep his client reasonably informed of the status of a matter, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to explain a matter to his client to the extent necessary to permit her to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(b); failed to refund the unearned portion of an advanced fee, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); and failed to answer the request for investigation, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) and MCR 9.113. The panel also found that the respondent's conduct violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c); and MCR 9.104(1), (3), and (4).

The panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$450. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,728.45.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since April 17, 2014. Please see notice of interim suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued April 17, 2014.

Richard J. Quist, P19169, Grand Rapids, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Kent County Hearing Panel #5, for 180 days, effective August 1, 2014.¹

The respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on the respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the respondent undertook the representation of a client that was or could have been materially limited by the lawyer's own interests, in violation of MRPC 1.7(b); entered into a business transaction with a client or knowingly acquired an ownership, possessory security, or other pecuniary interest adverse to a client without fully disclosing and transmitting the transaction terms in a manner that can be reasonably understood, without giving the client a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel, and without having the client consent in writing thereto, in violation of MRPC 1.8(a); and knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c). The panel also found that the respondent's conduct violated MRPC 8.4(a)-(b); and MCR 9.104(2)-(4).

The panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,696.76.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since May 28, 2014. Please see notice of interim suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H)(1), issued May 28, 2014.

Jeanette M. Riley, P42517, Flint, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Genesee County Hearing Panel #1, for 180 days, effective July 18, 2014.

The respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for her failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on the respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the respondent, in a divorce and child custody matter, failed to communicate with her client, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a); failed to communicate adequately with her client concerning the rate or basis of her fees, in violation of MRPC 1.5(c); failed to promptly pay her client the funds to which her client was entitled, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(1); failed to render an accounting of the fees to her client, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to deposit a fee and costs paid in advance of services rendered into a client trust account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to refund unearned fees upon termination of the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); and failed to answer six requests for investigation, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2), MCR 9.104(7), MCR 9.113(A), and MCR 9.113(B)(2). The panel also found that the respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c); and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

The panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that she pay restitution in the amount of \$2,500. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,735.67.

Suspension (With Conditions)

Nathan S. French, P55531, Southfield, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #76, for three years, effective July 9, 2014.¹

The panel issued an order of interim suspension of the respondent's license, effective April 28, 2014, based on his failure to

appear at a hearing scheduled for April 14, 2014. The respondent was also found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint.

Based on the respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the respondent, while suspended from the practice of law in Michigan, failed to notify all active clients in writing by certified or registered mail of his suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(A); failed to file a notice of disqualification in all tribunals in which he was representing clients in litigation, in violation of MCR 9.119(B); failed to file proof of compliance with the requirements of MCR 9.119 with the grievance administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board, in violation of MCR 9.119(C);

practiced law or held himself out as an attorney during the period of suspension, in violation of MCR 9.119(E); failed to safeguard client funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that a third person was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to promptly render a full accounting of property a third person was entitled to receive upon request by the third person, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to hold disputed property separate until the dispute was resolved, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal except for an open refusal based on an assertion that no valid obligation existed, in violation of MRPC 3.4(C); and failed to

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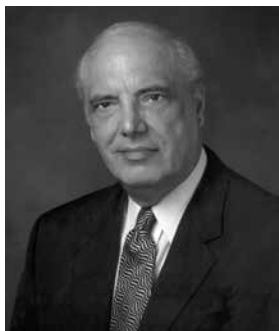
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answer two requests for investigation served upon him by the grievance administrator, in violation of MCR 9.104(7), MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2), and MRPC 8.1(a)(2). The panel also found that the respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (c); and MCR 9.104(1)-(4).

The panel suspended the respondent's license to practice in Michigan for three years and ordered that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,331.10.

1. The respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since April 28, 2014. Please see notice of interim suspension pursuant to MCR 9.115(H), issued April 28, 2014.

Suspensions With Conditions (By Consent)

John J. Kennedy, P51549, Mt. Clemens, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #106, for 180 days, effective June 30, 2014.

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent pleaded no contest to the allegations that, as a Macomb County court referee, he knowingly submitted a false affidavit of adult child eligibility to the Macomb County Human Resources and Labor Relations Department to unlawfully obtain medical insurance on behalf of a relative. Based on the respondent's plea of no contest, the panel found that the respondent violated MRPC 8.4(a) and (b); and MCR 9.104(2)-(4).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law be suspended for 180 days, effective June 30, 2014, and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$765.22.

Joseph H. McKoan IV, P55642, Algonac, by the Attorney Discipline Board, St. Clair County Hearing Panel #1, for 179 days, effective July 1, 2014.

The respondent and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent was convicted, by guilty plea, of operating while intoxicated with a high blood alcohol content, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCL 257.6251C in the 42-1 District Court, Case No. R130155X. Based on the respondent's conviction, the panel found that the respondent violated the criminal laws of the state of Michigan, contrary to MCR 9.104(5).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 179 days, effective July 1, 2014, and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$763.38.

Transfer to Inactive Status Pursuant to MCR 9.121(B) With Conditions (By Consent)

David Grant Mapley, P47918, West Bloomfield, by the Attorney Discipline Board, Tri-County Hearing Panel #53, effective July 24, 2014.

Based on a stipulation filed by the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the respondent's license to practice law be transferred to inactive status, effective July 24, 2014, for a minimum period of one year, and until further order of the Board, in accordance with MCR 9.121(E). The panel also ordered that the respondent shall be subject to certain conditions during the time of his inactive status. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$241.74.