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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT
(By Consent)

Case Nos. 16-83-AI; 16-144-JC

Notice Issued: July 11, 2017

Stuart J. Dunnings, III, P 31089, Lansing, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Ingham County Hearing Panel #7.

Disbarment, Effective August 2, 2016¹

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 stipulation contains respondent's admission that he was convicted, by guilty plea, in *People of the State of Michigan v Stuart J. Dunnings, III*, 30th Circuit Court Case No. 16-000664-FH-C30, of misconduct in office, a felony, in violation of MCL 750.505-C; and of engaging the services of a prostitute, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCL 750.449A. In accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(1), respondent's license to practice law in Michigan was automatically suspended on August 2, 2016, the date of his felony conviction.

Based on respondent's convictions, admissions, and the stipulation of the parties, it was established that respondent engaged in conduct that violated the criminal laws of the State of Michigan, in violation of MCR 9.104(5).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,037.53.

Mark A. Armitage
Executive Director

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since August 2, 2016. Please see Notice of Automatic Interim Suspension, issued August 8, 2016.

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GRIEVANCE ADMINISTRATOR,
Attorney Grievance Commission,

Petitioner,

v

Case Nos. 16-83-AI; 16-144-JC

STUART J. DUNNINGS, III, P 31089,

Respondent.

ORDER OF DISBARMENT
(By Consent)

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board
Ingham County Hearing Panel #7

Robert E. McCarthy, Chairperson
Mary M. Lovik, Member
Paula K. Manis, Member

The Grievance Administrator and the respondent have submitted a stipulation for a consent order of discipline pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(5). The stipulation contains respondent's admission of his convictions, as described in the Notice of Filing of a Judgment of Conviction. The panel has reported its findings and conclusions as to misconduct and discipline;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that the parties' Stipulation for Consent Order of Disbarment, filed June 6, 2017, is **APPROVED**.

IT IS ORDERED that respondent, Stuart J. Dunning, III, is **DISBARRED** from the practice of law in Michigan, **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2016** (the date of respondent's felony conviction and automatic suspension from the practice of law), and until further order of the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board or a hearing panel, and until respondent complies with the requirements of MCR 9.123(B) and (C) and MCR 9.124.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the effective date of this order and until reinstatement in accordance with the applicable provisions of MCR 9.123, respondent is forbidden from practicing law in any form; appearing as an attorney before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority; or holding himself out as an attorney by any means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with MCR 9.119(A), respondent shall, within seven days after the effective date of this order, notify all of his active clients, in writing, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the following:

1. the nature and duration of the discipline imposed;
2. the effective date of such discipline;
3. respondent's inability to act as an attorney after the effective date of such discipline;
4. the location and identity of the custodian of the clients' files and records which will be made available to them or to substitute counsel;
5. that the clients may wish to seek legal advice and counsel elsewhere; provided that, if respondent was a member of a law firm, the firm may continue to represent each client with the client's express written consent;
6. the address to which all correspondence to respondent may be addressed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with MCR 9.119(B), respondent must, on or before the effective date of this order, in every matter in which respondent is representing a client in litigation, file with the tribunal and all parties a notice of respondent's disqualification from the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, respondent shall, within 14 days after the effective date of this order, file with the Grievance Administrator and the Attorney Discipline Board an affidavit of compliance as required by MCR 9.119(C).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's conduct after the entry of this order but prior to its effective date, shall be subject to the restrictions set forth in MCR 9.119(D); and respondent's compensation for legal services shall be subject to the restrictions described in MCR 9.119(F).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall, on or before August 1, 2017, pay costs in the amount of **\$1,037.53**. Check or money order shall be made payable to the Attorney Discipline System and submitted to the Attorney Discipline Board [211 West Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226] for proper crediting. (See attached instruction sheet.)

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD
Ingham County Hearing Panel #7

By: 

Robert E. McCarthy, Chairperson

Dated: July 10, 2017