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NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

DP-170/81

DOUGLAS WENZEL (P 22191), 315 North Second Avenue, Alpena, MI 48707, by Attorney Discipline Board Gaylord Hearing Panel.

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective December 8, 1982.

The hearing panel found that Respondent neglected a certain civil matter, to-wit: an action to quiet title to real property and for trespass and damage to said property. Respondent filed a civil complaint in circuit court, ordered a survey of the property and communicated regularly with his client for several months but thereafter neglected the matter, failing to answer interrogatories and appear at hearings on behalf of the client. The panel found that Respondent's maintenance of the files, records and property of his client was careless but that there was no evidence that Respondent acted wilfully; Respondent ultimately returned the files to the client. The panel found violations of GCR 1963, 953(2) and the Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 6, DR6-101(A)(3). The panel considered certain mitigating evidence and assessed costs of \$1,770.11.

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