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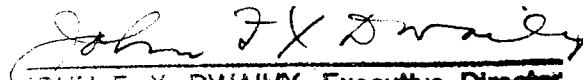
NOTICE OF REPRIMAND

DP-24/84

ROBERT F. WICK (P 25964), 433 W. University Drive, Post Office Box 8056, Rochester, MI, 48063, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County Hearing Panel #22.

- (1) Reprimand;
- (2) Effective March 15, 1985.

The hearing panel found that Respondent was retained in two criminal appeal matters. The panel found that Respondent advised the client that he would not and could not continue to prosecute the appeals unless at least a portion of the fees were paid and funds provided to purchase transcripts of the criminal trials; at all times the client knew that unless partial payment was made, the appeal would not be prosecuted. However, the panel found that Respondent "...essentially did nothing to resolve this dilemma and, as a consequence, the two appeals were left in a state of limbo until ultimately, as a consequence of the client's initiative, [the client] was declared indigent and was [appointed counsel]." Although the panel found that there was no prejudice to the client, they found that there was a delay resulting from Respondent's neglect, and that Respondent was under a duty to either prosecute the appeals or move to have his client declared an indigent and move for withdrawal from the matter. The panel noted no prior record of discipline; costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,009.98.


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Dated: March 20, 1985