

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case Nos. 95-159-GA; 95-184-FA

Leodis Elliott, P-31365, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board affirming Tri-County Hearing Panel #10's Order of Suspension.

- 1) Suspension - one (1) year;
- 2) Effective October 9, 1996.

Respondent was appointed to represent a defendant charged with assault with intent to murder and felonious assault in Recorder's Court. The panel found, by default, that respondent neglected the matter; made a statement to a newspaper reporter which he reasonably knew or should have known would be published, where he knew or reasonably should have known that it would have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing the proceeding; failed to answer the Request for Investigation; failed to timely answer Formal Complaint 95-159-GA; and failed to answer Formal Complaint 95-184-FA. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.3; 1.4; 3.6; 8.1(b); and 8.4(a) and (c).

Respondent filed a petition for review and stay of discipline. His petition for stay was denied, and the suspension was deemed to be effective October 9, 1996. In an order entered January 17, 1997, the Attorney Discipline Board affirmed the one-year suspension. Respondent filed a motion for reconsideration, which was denied by the Board in an order entered February 20, 1997. Respondent filed an amended motion for reconsideration, which was denied by the Board in an order entered April 1, 1997.

Costs were assessed in the total amount of \$1,103.31.

NOTE: Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since June 20, 1996.