

## DISMISSAL

Case No. 99-140-GA

Christiana Nance, P-46896, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #29.

1. Dismissal.
2. Effective October 10, 2000.

The Grievance Administrator filed Formal Complaint 99-140--GA on September 7, 1999, charging that respondent had committed acts of professional misconduct, specifically: When Respondent was retained to investigate the caretaker of her client's deceased grandmother, respondent failed to investigate the allegations, failed to contact witnesses; failed to obtain the bank records; relied on representations made by the caretaker; failed to inform her client of the status of the investigation; failed to earn the \$400.00 fee; and knowingly made misrepresentations in her sworn statement to the Attorney Grievance Commission. Respondent was alleged to be in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and (6); MCR 9.113; and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(b) and (c); 1.2; 1.3; 1.4; 1.5(a); 1.15(b); 1.16(d); 8.1(a); and 8.4(a)-(c). (Formal Complaint 99-159-FA was dismissed in conjunction with the granting of respondent's motion to set aside default during the panel hearing on November 15, 1999.)

The hearing panel conducted hearings on November 15, 1999 and January 17, 2000 and filed a report concluding that professional misconduct had not been established. On September 18, 2000, the panel entered an order dismissing Formal Complaint 99-140-GA. No costs were assessed against respondent.